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These obituaries were extracted from
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Surviving Their Love

These obituaries are from The News Sun, Kendallville, Indiana and Albion New Era, Albion, Indiana. I have made every effort for accuracy and do apologize for any errors or omissions. I am glad to help preserve the history of Noble County, Indiana.

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Sharing Their Grief



CHAD KLINE

A car window is chalked with a remembrance for Riley Zimmer, Evan Weaver, Matt Roe and Alexx Bauer, parked Thursday afternoon outside the

Trine University sports complex, where the spirit rock, in the background, has been painted purple and gold in honor of the "Angola Four."

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Community pays respects to 'Angola Four'

BY AMY OBERLIN
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ANGOLA — Wednesday night, Trine University painted the spirit rock in front of its sports complex black.

By Thursday morning, it was Angola Hornets purple with bright yellow names — Alexx, Matt, Riley and Evan.

The rock has been painted with various epitaphs through the years, but possibly never one so somber. It is located just east of the Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Athletic and Recreation Center, where a calling for four Angola High School seniors was held Thursday from 4-8 p.m. The event was a chance for the community to remember Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer. The boys were killed in a crash on Saturday on I-65 in Alabama, on their way home from Florida in stormy weather.

The spring-break tragedy left the Steuben County community reeling. Angola High School has a giant hole, said Principal Steve Grill. It could be a long time before the sting of loss fades.

The community outpouring of

support for the families has been tremendous.

Notably, a scholarship fund called Fouever Friends was started at the Steuben County Community Foundation. That fund has received a boost from a major fund drive by Fort Wayne radio stations Hot 107.9 and U.S. 93.3, which this week started a "40 for the Angola Four" drive to raise \$40,000 for the scholarship.

Among the donors were the Indiana University Purdue University Advanced Food Services class. The drive has topped \$60,000.

Other businesses, including country channel K105 and Lelli's restaurant in Angola, have added tabs to their webpages for instant donations to the Community Foundation fund. Angola Kids League was donating to the fund

through the week and Hendry Park Elementary School PTO will forward its donations from the Sons of the American Legion breakfast Sunday at the Angola American Legion.

Trine opened the doors of the Busse arena to the public so everyone who wanted could show support. Planning occurred throughout the week, and

Thursday morning Trine workers were blocking off the parking lot and preparing two overflow parking areas. Others had prepared a large open space for people to gather. The Busse complex closed at 3:30 p.m. and reopened at 4 to a throng of visitors.

Thousands of people lined up to pay their respects. Lines were formed for each boy's memorial, and people stood in the parking lot waiting to pay their respects.



Zimmer



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Larry Armstrong Sr.

FREMONT — Larry D. Armstrong Sr., 71, of Clear Lake near Fremont and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



**Mr.
Armstrong**

Mr. Armstrong retired as a captain of the Toledo Police Department in 1992 after 28 years of service. He had also worked at Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio, as chairman of the Law Enforcement and Fire Science Technology Department.

He was a 1957 graduate of Edon High School and a 1977 graduate of the FBI National Academy. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1991 and then graduated from the University of Toledo with a Master of Public Administration in 1993.

Mr. Armstrong was a member of the Clear Lake Association, the Clear Lake Lions Club and the F.O.P. Lodge's Toledo chapter. He was a member and past president of the Clear Lake Town Council.

He enjoyed swimming and boating on Clear Lake and traveling.

He was born May 3, 1939, in Dayton, Ohio, to William and Myrtle (Schaffer) Armstrong. He married Kay J. Beck on April 19, 1958, in Montpelier, Ohio. She survives at Clear Lake.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kristi Armstrong of Waterville, Ohio, and Kelly and Brian Flanagan of Colgate, Wis.; two sons, Larry Jr. and Beth Armstrong of Sylvania, Ohio, and Kevin and Jo Armstrong of Canfield, Ohio; ten grandchildren, Megan and James Dobbs, Patrick Flanagan, Lindsay Cramer, Jaimie Cramer, Molly Flanagan, Robert Soltz, Sara Armstrong, Emily Armstrong, Samantha Armstrong and Rebecca Armstrong; one great-grandchild, Blythe Dobbs; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Pat Hay, Shirley Tibbs and Linda and Steve Welmer.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bill, Earl and Gene Armstrong; and a sister, Eileen Armstrong.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Clear Lake Land Conservancy.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Gail Williams

LAGRANGE — Gail LaRue Williams, 51, of LaGrange County died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Parkview North in Fort Wayne.



**Mrs.
Williams**

Mrs. Williams had been employed at the Yancy Service Station in LaGrange prior to becoming disabled.

She had moved to the area from Kentucky as a teenager.

She was born May 13, 1959, in Hazard, Ky., to Ola Fay Kline and Jerry Williams. Her mother and father are deceased. Her stepfather, Franklin Kline, survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, Alicia Randol of Rome City and Florence Rynee Zimmerman of Rome City; a son, Kenneth Wade Bolen of Wolcottville; four sisters, Florence McKenzie of West Liberty, Ky., Jacqueline Smith of Lisbon, Ohio, Geraldine Canfield of Chatham, Ohio, and Carrie Burleson of Haleysville, Ala.; two brothers, Elvin Williams of LaGrange and Ronald Williams of LaGrange; a stepsister, Ginny Dickerhoof of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Jeff Kline of South Milford; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepbrother, Timothy Kline.

Memorial services will be from 1-4 p.m. today at the Wolcottville Church of God. Cremation has taken place.

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Edmund Mezydlo

GARRETT — Edmund J. Mezydlo, 74, of Westerville, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in Westerville.

He was born December 30, 1936, in Chicago, Ill., to Edmund and Hilaria (Vanderbosch) Mezydlo and they preceded him in death. He married Amber Kay Cramer on July 6, 1957, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She passed away on April 20, 2008.

Ed was a 23-year United States Air Force veteran having served during the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked another 26 years as a civil servant with the F-16 Aircraft Technical Order Division before his retirement in 2004.

Edmund was a member of the F-16 Hall of Fame (Aeronautical Systems Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base).

He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and loved classic movies and writing his own songs.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Jean Mezydlo of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Matt and Sharie Mezydlo of Westerville, Ohio; a granddaughter, Jane and Craig Marynik and a granddaughter, Jessie Mezydlo; and great-grandchildren; Lily, Julian, Kaysie and Grady Marynik.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Ind., at noon with military graveside honors by the U.S. Air Force.

Magdalene Brandt

KENDALLVILLE — Magdalene W. Brandt, 87, a former resident of Walkerton and South Bend, died Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Wallen Baptist Church, 1001 W. Wallen Road in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2011, from 3-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Audrey Close

FORT WAYNE — Audrey Marie Close, 89, of Fort Wayne and Jimmerson Lake died Wednesday, March 30, 2011.

Mrs. Close was a longtime volunteer at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Mrs. Close was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

Born on Oct. 24, 1921.

Surviving are her children, Caryn (Steve) DeVore of Wichita, Kan., Janet (Jack) Shoaf of Attica, Ind., Jacqueline Hauck and Barry (Donna) Close, both of Fort Wayne, and Hugh (Mary) Close of Fremont; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph B. Close; a brother, Leslie Willig; and three sisters.

A Celebration of Life service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with gathering of family and friends from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or Allen County Right to Life.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Robert King

KENDALLVILLE — Robert E. King, 91, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. King was a sprinkler system engineer and pipe fitter.

He grew up in Fort Wayne, graduated high school, and entered the United States Army serving his country during WWII from 1941-1945.

He was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Mr. King was a life member VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, the F&AM Kendallville Lodge 276; Ancient & Accepted

Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple, both in Fort Wayne, and American Turners in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 5, 1919, in Pensacola, Fla. to the late Paul King and Thelma (Henschen) McNutt. He married Julie Wilzah on June 8, 1966, in North Olmsted, Ohio, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Michael Niemiec of Wildwood, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Nancy Grange; four brothers; and a stepfather, Dale McNutt.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Kendallville VFW Post 2749 and Rome City American Legion

Annie Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Annie E. Miller, 91, of Shipshewana died Thursday,

March 31, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Saturday and all Sunday at the family's residence, 8730 West S.R. 120, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the same residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Daniel Hochstetler

TOPEKA — Daniel A. Hochstetler, 94, of Topeka died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be held after 11 a.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence, 4165 S. C.R.

500W, Topeka.

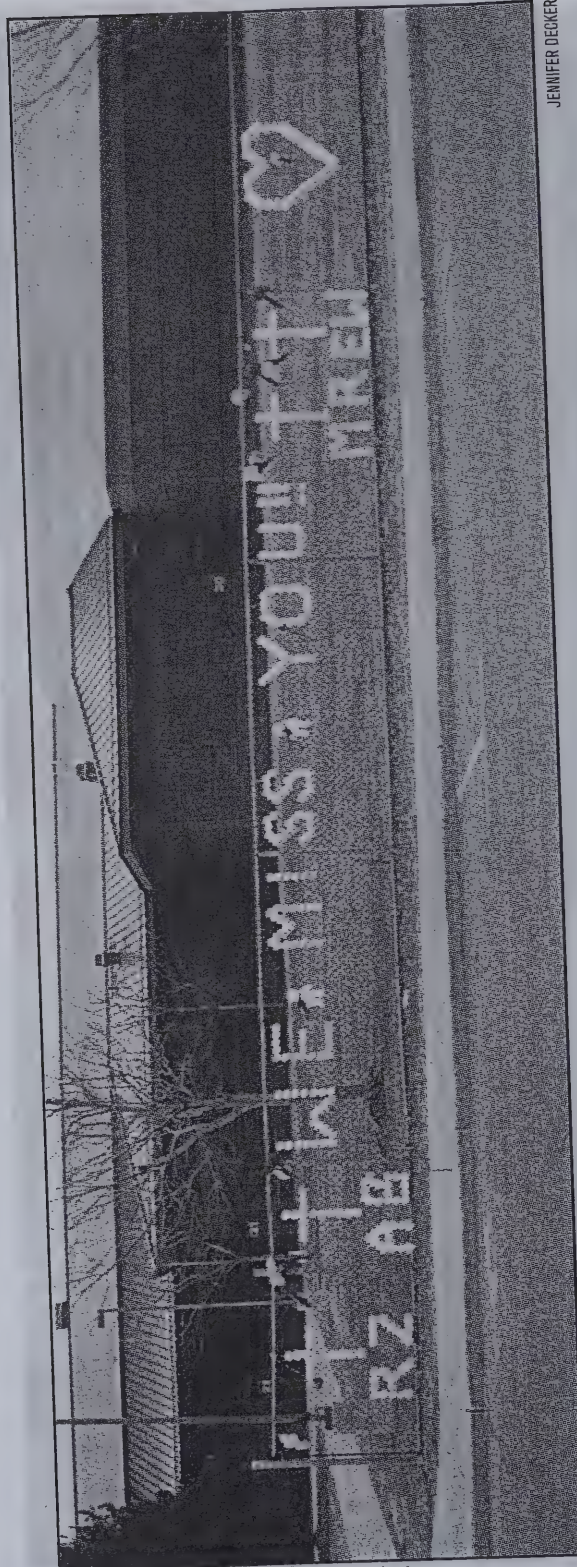
Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the same residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Post 381 following the funeral.

Entombment will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.



JENNIFER DECKER

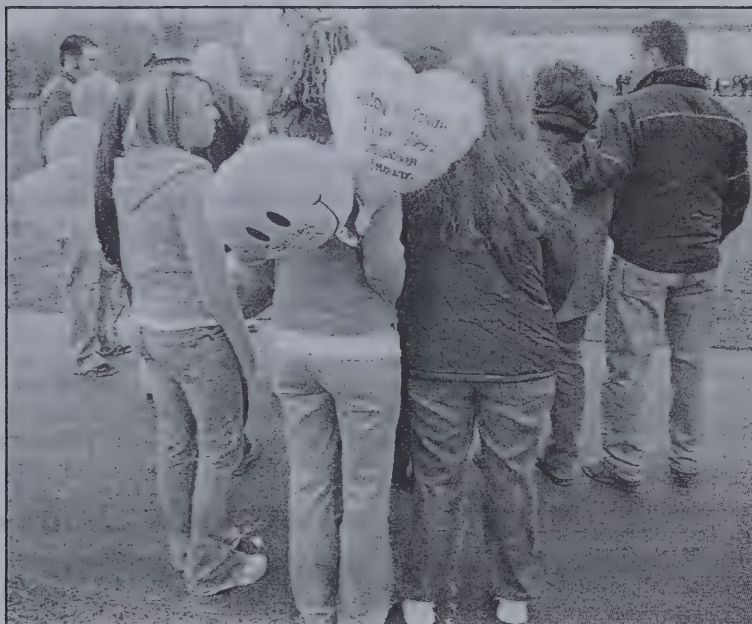
football field. The service featured four minutes of silence - one minute for each of the teens - and a launch of balloons by family and friends. Students were even in the crowd from Fremont and Eastside high schools to pay their respects.

The fence outside of Angola High School revealed the community's love for four students who were killed in a March 26 car accident in Alabama. Riley Zimmer, Alexx Bauer, Evan Weaver and Matt Roe died in the car accident. The four teens were remembered at a memorial service Friday night on the AHS

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Angola four going home



JENNIFER DECKER

A group of friends gather in anticipation of launching their decorated balloons Friday to remember Riley Zimmer, Alexx Bauer, Evan Weaver and Matt Roe. At the memorial service on the AHS football field, there were four minutes of silence for the boys and release of balloons by well wishers that stretched all around the field. Once the balloons were released, a little girl in the crowd remarked, "That's beautiful," and those around her smiled. Students from other schools, including Fremont and Eastside high schools, were present. Others wrapped in blankets and sat in the stands to pay their respects.

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Senior boys killed in Spring Break crash laid to rest this weekend

BY AMY OBERLIN

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ANGOLA — It was a week ago, but to many it feels like an eternity.

Last Saturday, March 26, at around 4 p.m., four popular Angola High School seniors died on I-65, when a Troy, Ala., driver crossed the median and struck their vehicle head-on. Niall McNellis, 21, of Troy, Ala., also died in the crash, which occurred in stormy weather as the local boys were returning from spring break in Florida.

The community has grieved with the parents and families of those lost after such a short journey on the earth. In services Friday and today, they were officially laid to rest.

A funeral for Riley Zimmer, 18, was held Friday morning at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

The rest of the funerals were at Fairview Missionary Church. Fairview's Pastor Norm Fuller spoke at a service for Matthew Roe, 18, Friday afternoon, as Roe's father, Philip, is a parishioner.

Fairview, which offers a very large sanctuary, also opened its doors for the funerals of Alexx Bauer, 18, today at 10 a.m. and Evan Weaver, 18, this afternoon at 2.

A Steuben County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman said

family requested media not be present on church property for the Bauer, Weaver and Roe funerals.

"We're glad to help," said Fuller

Friday as the church prepared for Roe's funeral.

"We dropped what we were doing to make this possible."

The Fairview staff busied itself this week

preparing for the funerals, while also coordinating a Saturday Kids Against Hunger meal-packing program. Around 300 volunteers are expected to work in three shifts today in the gym

on the west side of the building, as mourners trek in and out of the sanctuary on the eastern side of the church. Kids Against Hunger is aimed at helping solve hunger on a regional basis and throughout the world; Fuller said bulk foods would be handled and distributed as planned.

In addition, following Friday afternoon's mourning, the area homeschoolers group had a large event in the church sanctuary, keeping the glass doors of the church swinging throughout the day and into the night.

Fuller only spoke at Roe's funeral, but Fairview staff was involved in all three funerals at the church. Director of music and worship ministries Glenn Flint will lead music at this morning's service for Bauer. Director of discipleship and fellowship ministries Eric Piersimoni is

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involved in this afternoon's service.

Many other area clergy have been involved and lent their support in the midst of communitywide devastation. Almost as quickly as the news of the crash began to circulate last weekend, prayer services were planned at St. Anthony's and Angola United Methodist Church last Sunday evening.

Youth minister Tracey Zimmerman of the Methodist Church started meeting with her youth group and talking to bereaved teens Saturday night. They talked and cried into the early morning hours, Zimmerman said.

People supported one another, and many noted comfort in the way local youths were holding one

another up.

The crash happened in only a moment last week — but it will be forever imprinted in this community's heart. During the past week, people have reached out as best as they could — from a community calling Thursday at Trine University to support of a Fourever Friends Memorial Scholarship fund at the Steuben County Community Foundation — and will surely continue to support families and friends dealing with such untimely losses.

Roe is the son of Philip Roe of Angola and Janet Roe of Fort Wayne; his stepmother is Tara Roe. He has a sister, Ellen, and three stepsisters, Kennedy, Karragen and Taegan Strain; grandparents; and numerous other family members.

Weaver is the son of

Craig and Dana Weaver of Angola. He has a brother, Adam, of Angola and a sister, Brianna, in Fort Wayne; a girlfriend, Tracy Byrne; grandparents; aunts and uncles.

Bauer is the son of Gregg and Lisa Bauer of Angola and has two brothers, Austin and Andy. His girlfriend Rachel Weber, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins survive.

Zimmer, the son of Matt and Susie Zimmer of Angola, has two brothers, Dr. Donald Zimmer of Rochester, Minn. and David Zimmer of Notre Dame, and a sister, Kellyn, of New York City. A grandmother, aunts, uncles, a niece and several cousins also survive.

THIS STORY was posted on thenewssunonline.com at 2:15 p.m. Friday.

Zimmer remembered at funeral

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ANGOLA — Donny and David Zimmer held hands as pallbearers as they wept, helping to carry the casket of their brother, Riley Zimmer, into a waiting hearse.

After the casket was placed in the hearse, Donny and David stood and held each other and sobbed.

Riley's memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola Friday morning by the

Rev. Fred Pasche, pastor. The church swelled beyond capacity with mourners — some who arrived as early as 8 a.m. — of the popular Angola High School senior. It may have been the largest crowd the church ever had for a service of any kind.

Riley, 18, was killed in a car accident last Saturday with three of his close friends: Alexx Bauer, Evan Weaver and Matt Roe, all 18. The four were driving home from spring break in Florida when their vehicle was hit head-

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on in Alabama. The four and an Alabama man, Niall McNellis, 21, died in the accident.

Matthew Riley Zimmer — known as Riley — was born Sept. 27, 1992 in Fort Wayne to Susie and Dr. Matt Zimmer.

Riley's varsity purple and gold Angola High School jacket was displayed in the church's foyer with a huge football patch on the back, as a reminder of how much he loved the gridiron.

"The last few days have been a time of loss. Families have experienced love," Pasche said, choking up with emotion several times during the Mass. "We've heard many, many good stories. We come together to set aside our sorrow and think (of all four teens). They've been on earth a short time. Their purpose in life has been fulfilled ... Riley was a follower of Jesus. He was a faithful servant."

Pasche noted Riley was active at St. Anthony and assisted at youth retreats.

"He continued to share that love," Pasche said. "God is present in our community. Think of how (the four teens)

touched the lives of so many people."

Some of the songs played at the Mass for Riley included "Danny Boy," "Let it Be," "Lord of the Dance," "We Remember" and "Ave Maria."

The Zimmer family requested everyone pray for all families who have suffered the loss of a child, for seniors at Angola High School and for all parents and children to never take tomorrow for granted. The Zimmer family also prayed they'd wake up to the memory of Riley's smile.

Before the Mass, the Rev. Andy Martinez, head of St. Anthony's Hispanic ministry and pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange, stood outside to reserve a parking space for retired Bishop John D'Arcy to park.

Martinez was close to Riley.

"I find it hard and disappointing. We were good friends. We bonded and texted each other," Martinez said. "I think he was more curious about me being a priest. He was faithful coming to church and he was a server. I have no doubt Riley was ready spiritually.

He brought a cross for me to bless when his grandfather died. He had a connection with God."

During the Mass, members of the crowd held hands. Others held each other.

Robert and Laurie Oncheck of Angola attended the Mass. Laurie prayed a rosary. Robert said he got to know Riley at a parish retreat.

"I heard his story. Riley was the teen witness. I wish I was that centered, for someone that young," Robert said.

"Even though he was young ... this gives a testimony with all the people," Laurie said.

Before the Zimmer family pulled away to bury Riley, Dr. Matt Zimmer, his father, paused and said how good the community has been.

Burial was at the St. Michael Cemetery in Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be made in Riley Zimmer's name to the Steuben County Therapeutic Riding Center or the Fourever Friends 2011 Memorial Scholarship at the Steuben County Community Foundation.

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Carrie Gleason

ANGOLA — Carrie L. Gleason, 34, of Angola and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., passed away March 30, 2011, in Fremont, Ind.

She was born February 4, 1977, in Coldwater

to Timothy Gleason and Christine Nagle.

She lived in the Coldwater area until five years ago when she moved to Angola.

She loved her children and family very much. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

Carrie was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. She loved camping, bonfires, river rafting and flowers. She always made people laugh.

She is survived by her parents, Timothy Gleason of Coldwater, Christine Nagle of Coldwater, and her biological father, John Nagle of Coldwater; a daughter, Elizabeth Gleason of Angola; two sons, Zackary Clouse and Thomas Gleason, both of Angola; three brothers, Timothy (Shannon) Gleason, Matthew (Jennifer) Gleason and Joshua (Brandy) Gleason, all of Coldwater; two half sisters, Betty (Mark) Draper of Sturgis, Mich., and Lisa (Scott) Halsey of Coldwater; two half brothers, Scott (Kirsten) Nagle of Coldwater and Ralph (Hope) Bauder of White Pigeon, Mich.; her stepmother, Cheryl Gleason of Coldwater; her special grandmother, Frances Cote of Danielson, Conn.; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.



Ms. Gleason

Donald Newfer

AUBURN — Donald E. Newfer, 64, died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Newfer was employed at Elmview Barber Shop in Fort Shawnee, Ohio, and Lima Baptist Temple in Lima, Ohio, before moving to Fort Wayne. He worked as a senior design engineer for 27 years at Wieland Furniture, a division of Souder Furniture of Grabill.

He graduated from Alger High School in 1965 then graduated from Toledo Barber School.

Carrie was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents and her maternal grandfather.

A memorial service will be held Monday, April 4, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the The American Legion, 84 W. Chicago St., Coldwater. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater is in charge of arrangements. You may leave an online tribute by visiting www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Mr. Newfer was an active member and elder of Prairie Chapel Bible Church in Oakwood, Ohio.

He was born Jan. 27, 1947, in Alger, Ohio, to Arnold and Wanda (Rutledge) Newfer. He married Marjorie Jean Carnahan on May 25, 1985, in Fort Wayne and she survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Norman (Della) Newfer of Cridersville, Ohio, and Gary (Sally) Newfer of Belle Center, Ohio; two sisters, Nina (Dr. Melvin) Monroe of Lima, Ohio, and Barbara Brown of Harrod, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Calvin (Miriam) Carnahan of Howe; an uncle, Eldon (Barbara) Rutledge of Proctorville, Ohio; several cousins, nieces; nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Fletcher and Laura (Chiles) Newfer, Mae (Rutledge) McCann, and Ora Rutledge; a brother, Walter Newfer; an infant sister; and a brother-in-law, David Brown.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Earl Chapman officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and also 1 hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Prairie Chapel Bible Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Edmund Mezydlo

GARRETT — Edmund J. Mezydlo, 74, of Westerville, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in Westerville.

He was born December 30, 1936, in Chicago, Ill., to Edmund and Hilaria (Vanderbosch) Mezydlo and they preceded him in death. He married Amber Kay Cramer on July 6, 1957, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She passed away on April 20, 2008.

Ed was a 23-year United States Air Force veteran having served during the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked another 26 years as a civil servant with the F-16 Aircraft Technical Order Division before his retirement in 2004.

Edmund was a member of the F-16 Hall of Fame (Aeronautical Systems Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base).

He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and loved classic movies and writing his own songs.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Jean Mezydlo of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Matt and Sharie Mezydlo of Westerville, Ohio; a granddaughter, Jane and Craig Marynik and a granddaughter, Jessie Mezydlo; and great-grandchildren; Lily, Julian, Kaysie and Grady Marynik.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Ind., at noon with military graveside honors by the U.S. Air Force.

Patricia Franks

WAWAKA — Patricia Anne Franks, 83, died Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 6:08 PM at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Funeral services for Mrs. Franks will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Berean Baptist Church in Albion with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2011, from 3-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the donor's choice

To send a condolence or to sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jack Yunker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jack S. Yunker, 66, of Wolcottville died Friday, April 1, 2011, at Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Yunker was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He had owned and operated Yunker Trucking for many years.

He was born May 5, 1944, in Sturgis, Mich., to John R. and Jessie M. (Chilson) Yunker. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Linda L. Jordan on Jan. 24, 1962, in Valentine, Ind. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jackie Yunker of Elkhart, Laurie and Raymond Munoz of Plainfield, Ill., and Tracey and Robbie Hall of Mongo; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Teresa Yunker of Howe; nine grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Rick Hart of Rome City and LuAnn and Robert Waterson of Morgantown, W.Va.; and a brother, John P. Yunker of LaGrange.

Funeral services will at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange with the Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Daniel Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — Daniel A. Hochstetler, 94, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Hochstetler was founder and past owner of D. A. Hochstetler & Sons in Topeka.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 1, 1917, in LaGrange to Albert M. and Anna (Miller) Hochstetler. He married Katie Eash Feb. 13, 1941. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Ida Anna (Amos) Miller of Topeka, Mary Ellen (Ezra) Yoder of Shipshewana, Barbara (Elmer) Troyer, Shipshewana and Lena (Paul) Helmuth of Carthage, Mo; two sons, Ivan (Polly Anna) of Topeka and Albert (Esther) of Topeka; 25 grandchildren; 130 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren; 15 stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters Elizabeth Miller of Topeka and Anna Mae Hochstetler of LaGrange; and one brother, John (Martha) of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Sam Hochstetler; one sister, Barbara Beachy; one granddaughter, Lena Beachy; and two stillborn great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be after 11 a.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at 4185 S. C.R. 500W, Topeka, with Bishop David Hochstetler and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Theron Rodmaker

KENDALLVILLE — Theron R. Rodmaker, 88, of Kendallville and formerly of Hudson, Fla., died at 5 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2011, at the home of his daughter.

Mr. Rodmaker had worked for the railroad for more than 25 years and retired as a yard clerk.

He was born March 22, 1923, in Milan, Ind., to Otto and Clara (Stith) Rodmaker. He married Elizabeth C. Loper in Portland, Ind., in 1951. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol (Eric) Stienbarger of Kendallville; a son, James (Ella) Rodmaker of LaGrange; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gerald (Sylvia) Rodmaker of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jerard Rodmaker of Marion, Ind., and three sisters, Deloris Karst of Milan, Linda Davis of Zephyr Hills, Fla., and Reva (Bill) Munsey of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Cremation will take place.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Noble County Hospice.

Elkhart Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Hazen

CHURUBUSCO — Michael E. "Mick" or "Mike" Hazen, 70, a lifelong resident of Whitley County died Thursday, March 31, 2011.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p. m. on Sunday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to AWAC Boy Scouts of America.

Indiana District LWML, Parkview Home Health & Hospice, or to the donor's choice.

Myers recalled as family man, more

BY JENNIFER DECKER

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ANGOLA — Raymond Clair Myers, 85, was recalled as a great family and business man and World War II veteran.

Mr. Myers died Feb. 3 at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola after a long illness.

He was born on a farm west of Pleasant Lake to Clyde and Jessie Myers. As a boy, he attended Pleasant Lake School. Later his family moved to rural Angola, where he attended Metz High School and he graduated from Scott Center High School.

Mr. Myers was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines during World War II. He was later sent to Korea to help Koreans reclaim their government after the Japanese occupation. Upon returning home, his ship was in a typhoon and he survived.

His wife, Janis Myers, said once he returned to the United States, he started a taxi service in Angola. "He called it Ray's Tax. It was in a small room by the old Hendry Hotel," Janis said. "People didn't have cars yet because of the war. They made trips to Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Wayne and the Angola area. The taxi picked up a lot of people at Waterloo that came in on the train and took

them to the inn at Pokagon Park. It was a good business for a couple of years."

During Mr. Myers' taxi business, he also took people to church for free on Sundays, Janis said. Such a good deed made the national news and helped spread the word about his weekday transportation business.

For a few years, Mr. Myers drove a school bus and worked at Weatherhead (Dana Corporation). He also worked 37 1/2 years for the Farm Bureau Co-op taking fuel oil and gasoline to farmers. "He really liked that job. I think he knew every farmer in the county," Janis said.

He also had a Saturday night job for Banker Dispatch, in which he picked up canceled checks for banks and took them to Logansport. After retiring, he drove a van part-time for the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Raymond and Janis (Sheets) met in Angola and married April 26, 1949. They had four children: Nancy Pujols of Angola, Julie Hicks of Mentone, Patti Tribble of Angola and one son, Scott Myers of Angola. The

family moved to the Hamilton area in 1956.

Janis recalled her husband loved to get a softball game going in the family's big backyard for anyone who wanted to join in. He also enjoyed Friday night bowling and going on rides in the country.

Mr. Myers was also known for playing a "mean" harmonica. "We had our own version of 'Name that Tune.' The kids lined up on one end of the room and whoever guessed the song he was playing first ran to him. They got in some pretty good scuffles playing that game," Janis said.

He also enjoyed riding his mini motorcycle in the country with his family and eventually talked Janis into riding too.

Mr. Myers also delighted in spending time with his family. "In later years, we had grandchildren which he loved very much, as he did his children," Janis said. "Each one thought he or she was his favorite."

"Just an ordinary man? Not to our family," Janis said. "Having a wonderful, loving husband, father and grandpa was truly a blessing from God."

Funeral services for Mr. Myers were handled by White Funeral Home in Angola. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.



Mr. Myers

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Marcella Gallogly

FREMONT — Marcella (Sally) T. Langhals Gallogly passed away Friday, April 1, 2011 at her home at Lake George, Fremont, Indiana.

She was born on October 1, 1921 in Cloverdale, Ohio, to Joseph and Emma (Becker) Langhals. In 1939 she moved from Cloverdale, Ohio where she was raised to Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was

employed by Lincoln Life Insurance Company until she married

Robert Arthur Gallogly on September 28, 1943. During war time, she followed him to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and then Fort Still, Okla. until Mr. Gallogly was mobilized for the European Theater of Operation.

After World War II, they resided on Standish Drive in Fort Wayne, Indiana for 34 years. In 1984 they moved to Lake George, Fremont, Indiana, until her death.

She was an active member of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church of Angola, Indiana and its Rosary Sodality, and also the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn and Robert Bright of Bayport, N.Y., and Kathleen and John Ranshaw of Wilmette, Ill.; three sons, Robert and Laurie Gallogly of Angola, Indiana, James and Lorna Gallogly of Novi, Michigan, and William Gallogly of Spencer, Indiana. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Jon Gallogly, Natalie (Michael) Kubat, Michael Gallogly, Jake Gallogly, Ryan (Bri) Gallogly, Aaron Gallogly,



**Mrs.
Gallogly**

Shirley King

ASHLEY — Shirley Jean King, 84, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Brighton Gardens in Prairie Village, Kansas.

She was born September 3, 1926, in Pleasant Lake to David and Ruth (Carpenter) Gramling. Shirley married Howard King on October 19, 1946. He

Douglas Christian

AVILLA — Douglas Christian, 52, died Friday, April 1, 2011 at his residence in Avilla.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Andrew Bright, Molly Bright, Emily Ranshaw and Elizabeth Ranshaw; two great-grandchildren, Nicklas and Seger Kubat; and a sister, Solina Kramer of Dearborn, Mich.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert and her five other siblings.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, Indiana with Father Bernie Zajdel officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011 in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2011 with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee St., Angola IN 46703.

The guestbook may be signed online at www.weichtfh.com.

preceded her in death on February 10, 2010.

Shirley and Howard made their family home in Ashley

where she worked in Angola and co-owned and operated the "Sweet Shop" in Ashley. When they moved to Dexter, Mich., Shirley was a buyer for a 76 Auto Mart gift shop. They retired from Dexter, Mich. and lived in Winter Haven, Fla. for several years.

After Howard's passing, Shirley lived at Brighton Gardens in Prairie Village, Kansas, where she was loved and well cared for by an attentive staff.

Shirley was a very loving mother and grandmother, a generous friend, and caring person whose warm smile was a welcoming beacon to any stranger.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Lon and Susan King, Hamilton, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Rob Raker, Shawnee, Kansas; and six grandchildren, Aynsley King, Tucson, Ariz., Chris Raker, Maquoketa, Iowa, Austin King, Tucson, Ariz., Leslie (Raker) Olivetta, Castlerock, Colo., and Greyson King and Cameron King, Hamilton, Ind.

A celebration of life service will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo, Ind. Internment will be held at Roseland Cemetery in Jackson, Mich., at 2 p.m.



Mrs. King

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Ruth Swogger

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth (Smith) Swogger passed away peacefully at the Lutheran Life Villages Nursing Home in Kendallville on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 12:10 a.m. She had been in failing health for some time.

She was born in Kendallville on April 22, 1913 to John and Mary (Ries) Smith. She was a graduate of Kendallville High School in 1931. On October 13, 1934, she married Paul Robert Eshelman at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, Ind. He preceded her in death on October 28, 1976. She later married Walter Clyde Swogger at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, Ind. on October 7, 1982. He preceded her in death on February 25, 1995.

Mrs. Swogger was a homemaker and worked for a few years at Kendallville Hardware. She loved making quilts, sewing and baking. She also enjoyed going to garage sales with her best friend Cinnie Swogger. She was a long time member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, Ind. where she served on the Altar Guild and Ladies Aid Society and the LWML.

She is survived by two daughters, Eleanor (Hubert) Kugler of Butler, and Sharon (DeWayne) Lockwood of Waterloo; a son, Paul Wayne (Bev) Eshelman; a daughter-in-law, Cathy Eshelman of Rome City; a step son, David (Carol) Swogger of Corunna; eight grandchildren, Tonda (Jeff) Holsinger of



**Mrs.
Swogger**

Wolcottville, Troy (Sheila) Lockwood of Auburn, Heath Eshelman of Kendallville, Kama Kugler of Clermont, Florida, Todd (Kelli) Lockwood of Butler, Wini (David) Handshoe of LaGrange, Christine (Scott) Koegler of Kendallville, and Heather (Joshua) Molen of Rome City; two step grandchildren, Dan (Sharmin) Swogger of Wolcottville, and Denise (Brad) Deetz of Corunna; 12 great-grandchildren, Desiree' (Stephen) Reynolds of Rome City, Carlee Holsinger of Wolcottville, Zachary, Nicholas, Jordon and Taylor Koegler of Kendallville, Alexandria, Trevor and Elizabeth Molen of Rome City, Keeton Lockwood of Fort Wayne, Kerissa Lockwood of Butler and Heiden Lockwood of Auburn; eight step-great-grandchildren, Brooke-destinee Lockwood of Auburn, Ben Marchus of Butler, Alexis and Grace Hooks of Corunna, Christopher Boles, Blake and Landon Swogger of Wolcottville, and Tabethia Handshoe of Kentucky.

She is also survived by two nieces, Barbara Krehl and Virginia (William) Percifield, and nephews Bill (Babs) Smith, Bob (Mary) Smith, Bud (Ruth) Smith and Jim (Betty) Smith.

In addition to her husbands, a son, Hugh Eshelman, parents, John and Mary Smith, two sisters, Bernice Wible and Agness

Margaret Logan

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Logan, 87, of Kendallville died Friday, April 1, 2011 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heritage Mission in Huntertown or to the Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

View a video tribute after Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Monday's paper.

Kennel, and three brothers, Arthur, Claude and George Smith preceded her in death.

Services will be at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at 1 p.m. with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rev. Al Wingfield of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Heath Eshelman, Jeff Holsinger, Scott Koegler, Troy and Todd Lockwood and Joshua Molen.

Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Anthony Kiefer

LAGRANGE — Anthony L. Kiefer, 65, of Royer Lake, LaGrange County, died Saturday, April 2, 2011 at his residence.

He moved to the area in 1978 from Crown Point, Ind.

Mr. Kiefer retired from Dutchman Manufacturing. He worked in the final finishing department.

He was a member of the

St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. His passion was hunting and fishing.

He was born on July 6, 1945 in Gary, Ind. to John and Zelda (Anduski) Kiefer. They preceded him in death. On Jan. 8, 1971, he married Frances L. (Sullivan) in St. John's, Ind. She survives at Royer Lake.

Also surviving are a daughter, Stacie L. Scott, and a son, James J. Krestan, both of LaGrange; two grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Valerie and Phillip Millus; and a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Cindy Gromala, all of Wolcottville.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with Rev. Andrew Martinez officiating. Burial will take place at St. Gaspar Cemetery, Rome City, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. A Rosary service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Memorials may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Franks

WAWAKA — Patricia Anne Franks, 83, died at 6:08 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011 at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion after an extended illness.

She was a homemaker and an audio-visual technician for 11 years for the Noble County Public Library. She was a member of the Berean Baptist Church in Albion, the Yarle Club, enjoyed genealogy, reading and writing and attended Oklahoma A & M.

Mrs. Franks was born on Aug. 2, 1927 in Woodward, Okla. to the late Kenneth Leon Meyer Sr. and Coralie (Fisher) Stalcup. She married Charles E. Franks Jr., and he preceded her in death on May 19, 1998.

She had been a resident of the Wawaka area from 1948 coming from Oklahoma.

She is survived by a son, Steven and Rebecca Franks of Ashley, Ind.; five daughters, Barbara and Thomas Pehlke of Fort Wayne, Marsha Struck of La Fontaine, Ind., Claire Franks of New York, N.Y., Laraine Franks of Terre Haute, Ind., and Donna and John Swartz of Middlebury. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren; a great granddaughter, expected in May; and two brothers, Kenneth Meyer Jr. of Muskogee, Okla., and Larry Meyer of Lawton, Okla.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son Kenneth Franks in 1963, and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2011 at Berean Baptist Church in Albion with Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Memorials may be directed to the Noble County Public Library or to the Berean Baptist Church, Albion.

To sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Daniel Yoder

MADISON, IND. — Daniel M. Yoder, 68, of Madison, Ind., died Thursday, March 31, 2011 at his son's home in Phoenix, Ariz.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2011 at Fair Haven Amish Mennonite Church, 13513 S.R. 4, Goshen, Ind. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, Ind.

Joanne Galloway

KENDALLVILLE — Joanne A. Galloway, 73, of Kendallville died at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2011 in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Patricia Barr

KENDALLVILLE —
Patricia Lou Barr, 76, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at her residence.

Mrs. Barr was born in Kendallville on July 3, 1934, to the late Arthur and Leona (Bordner) Rowe.



Mrs. Barr

She graduated from Rome City High School in 1952.

She married Glen Alan "Bud" Barr on February 1, 1959, in Kendallville and he preceded her death October 26, 2009.

Pat worked in the cafeteria at the Kendallville Middle School for a number of years and she also worked at McCray Memorial Hospital for a time.

She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Pat loved going to garage sales to seek out "that latest find"! She was dedicated to her husband and family and was a wonderful mother and homemaker. Pat also loved gardening.

Survivors include four sons, Craig Linthicum of Kendallville and Kathy Linthicum of Auburn, Bret and Tonya Barr of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Joe Barr of Kendallville, and Todd Barr of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren, Carie and Dane Brandgard, Drew Linthicum, Cody Linthicum, Nikki and Rob Galbraith, Danelle Barr, Carl W. Haggerman, Kaitlin Barr, Emalee Barr, Kyle Barr, Connor Barr, Dezaray Barr, and Joshua Barr; eight great-grandchildren, Allyson Brandgard, Leif Brandgard, Lars Brandgard, Hanna Brandgard, Alaura Linthicum,

Jackson Linthicum, Kingston Linthicum, and Alexis Jade Folis; two sisters, Donna Seigel of Ligonier, and Darlene Howard of Port Washington, Ky.; and a brother, Jack Rowe of Kentucky.

She was also preceded in death her great-granddaughter, Celestial Breeze Linthicum; daughter-in-law, Janet Elaine Barr, who died in 2007; brother, Jim Rowe; and sister, Annie Hammel.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 5, 2011 from 4:00-7:00pm at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Cancer Association.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Pat by Tuesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Louiseen Ingledue

PLEASANT LAKE —
Louiseen H. Ingledue, 85, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was born April 8, 1925, at Pleasant Lake to Paul and Grace (Fifer) Hutchins. She married Willis Ingledue on March 11, 1944.

She was a homemaker in her own home and worked at Harger's Meats in Hamilton.

Mrs. Ingledue was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, Hamilton; Pokagon Chapter DAR; Hamilton Rebecca Club; Party Line Club; and the Beta Farmer's Club.

Surviving are her husband, Willis Ingledue of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Pat Ingledue of Hamilton and John and Sheila Ingledue of Pleasant Lake; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Virginia Zimmer.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be at South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hamilton Church of Christ, Hamilton.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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William Kimmel

CHURUBUSCO — William L. Kimmel, 80, a resident of rural Churubusco in Allen County, passed away early on Saturday, April 2, 2011, in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He had been taken there from Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where he had been a patient since August.



Mr. Kimmel

Mr. Kimmel was born in Noble County on May 14, 1930, a son of George A. and Effa (Owen) Kimmel. He spent his formative years in Green Township and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1948.

As a young man he served with the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and was married in Churubusco on September 11, 1954 to Bonnie L. Leazier. The couple have lived all of their married lives near Churubusco in Allen County.

Employed as a tool maker, he worked at X-Y Tool & Die in LaOtto for 24 years, retiring from there in 1995. He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post.

The surviving relatives include his wife Bonnie, to whom he was married for over 56 years; four daughters, Lee Ann (Charles) Schortgen of Churubusco, Lisa (Jack) Nicole of Montgomery, Mich., and Lynn Patrick and Lori (Jay) Krueckeberg, both of Churubusco; three sisters, Barbara Rider of Larwill, Midge Marshall of Cromwell, and Lalia Hand of Huntington; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pat German

ANGOLA — Ann German, 71 of Angola died Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was born Feb. 28, 1940, in Bluffton to Robert and Margaret (Robbins) Lusk. She married Kent German on May 9, 1958.



Mrs. German

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Edward Kimmel; and by four sisters, Fay Lemish, Donna Kimmel, Maxine Collins, and Betty Mote.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Samuel J. Norris, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the mortuary.

Interment with military graveside rites will be at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, or to Avilla American Legion Post.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Kimmel's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

She drove school bus for Prairie Heights Schools for 17 years, retiring in 1990.

Mrs. German was a member of Flint United Methodist Church and the Women's Club of the church. She played piano for the church.

She loved bowling; crocheting, doing crafts and Sprint Car Racing.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Chris German of Bristol; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shari and Cheyenne Harrington of Hamilton and Beverly and Doug Coolman of Angola; one brother and sister-in-law, John and Liz Lusk of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jacquelyn and Jerry Jack of Angola and Rebecca and Larry Swanson of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren, Matthew German, Zachary German, Barrett German, Jacob Strohl, Lydia Strohl, Christian Harrington, Alexander Harrington, Benjamin Coolman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kent German, who died on Sept. 4, 1998; and a brother, Robert Lusk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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Eleanor Galligher

WOLF LAKE — Eleanor E. Galligher, 83, a former resident near Wolf Lake and widow of Kenneth H. "Bud" Galligher, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been a patient there for nearly two years.



Mrs. Galligher

Mrs. Galligher was born in Fort Wayne on July 29, 1927, a daughter of Ellsworth and Grace O. (Brinkman) Galbreath, and graduated from Southside High School.

On March 4, 1946, she was united in marriage in Allen County to Kenneth H. "Bud" Galligher. The couple lived east of Fort Wayne near Maples before moving to Noble County in 1976.

Employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 20 years; she retired from there in 1986. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

Mr. Galligher preceded her in death on September 17, 2004.

Among the surviving relatives are her children, Judy (Stan) Reed of Hometown, Linda (Bill) Mason of Monroeville, Barbara (Bob) Molessa of Tucson, Ariz., Karen (Jim) Nuttle of Fort Wayne, Patricia (Denny) Oswald of Hometown, and Kenneth Galligher, Michael (Chris) Galligher, and Steven (Doreen) Galligher, all of Wolf Lake; 23 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Jim VanLaecke

ELKHART — Jim J. VanLaecke, age 58, of Elkhart died April 1, 2011, at home.

Graveside services with military honors will be on Wednesday at noon in Fort Custer National Cemetery,

15501 Dickman Road, Augusta, Mich. Memorial services will follow interment at 7 p.m. at the Apostolic Pentecostal Church, 63983 C.R. 15, Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. prior to the memorial service at the church.

Memorials are to Apostolic Pentecostal Church or Mishawaka High School.

The Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is assisting with arrangements.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Galbreath and William Galbreath; and by three sisters, Violet Pierce, Lillian Remmert, and Ruth Youngmans.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto, the celebrant.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Tuesday after 10 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

Interment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to

St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 220 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Galligher's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Chris Neeley

GARRETT — Chris Neeley, 45 of Garrett, died Sat., April 2, 2011 at his residence.

He was born Oct. 20, 1965 in Garrett to Coy and Sheila (Beber) Neeley.

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1984. He married Tina Miller on March 12, 2004 in Auburn.

Chris was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and he loved music.

Chris is survived by his wife, Tina Neeley of Garrett; his father Coy Neeley of Garrett, a stepson, Jordan (Kacy) Edsall of Garrett; brother, Jim (Nancy) Neeley of Garrett; sister, Robin Omspacher of Garrett; granddaughters, Hanna and Rylea Edsall of Garrett; grandson, David Edsall of Garrett; mother-in-law, Cheryl Miller of Garrett; brothers-in-law, Tom Miller of Waterloo and Max Miller of Garrett; nephews; Ben and Max Miller of Fort Wayne, Shawn Miller of Kentucky, Cruz Neeley of Fort Wayne, Seth and Brock Omspacher of Garrett; nieces, Macy and Kristen Neeley of Garrett and Pamela Thompson of Fort Wayne and several other family members and friends.

His mother, Sheila Neeley, preceded him in death on March 13, 1978.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit thomasfuneralhome.org

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Margaret Logan

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Logan, 87, of Kendallville died Friday, April 1, 2011, in Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, where she had been a patient since Monday.

Mrs. Logan graduated from Rome City High School. She was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was active in the Orange Township Homemaker's Club, the Settler's in Fort Wayne, and the LaGrange Doll Club.

She was born March 17, 1924, in Kendallville to Glenn S. and Minnie S. (Black) Rimmel. She was married October 3, 1942, in Brimfield to Perry C. Logan, Sr. He preceded her in death on August 22, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and David Mains of Huntertown; three sons and daughters-in-law, Perry C. Logan, Jr. and Laura Logan of Kendallville, Kent and Sherry Logan of Kendallville, and Lee and Judi Logan of Wolcottville; seven grandchildren, Ben (Deanna) Mains, Adam (Amy) Mains, Maria (Greg) Christenson, Nicole (Kevin) Knafel, Joshua Logan, Sarah (Brian) Moreland, and Caleb Logan; and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold Rimmel, Amos Rimmel, and John Rimmel; and a daughter, Kay Berg in 2000.



Mrs. Logan

Joann Hollinger

BUTLER — Joann A. Hollinger 82, died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at her home.

She was born on April 16, 1928, in Auburn to Leone and Bonnie (Shilling) Mitchener. Joann married Russell Allen Hollinger on July 20, 1947, in Auburn; he preceded in death on April 27, 2007.



Mrs. Hollinger

She worked for 24 years at Butler Elementary School as a library aide.

Joann enjoyed collecting dolls, plates, gardening and working in her yard. She was active member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Gay Hollinger of Westfield; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Jerry Norton of Butler and Kim and Brian Burdick of Leo; a brother, Clayton Mitchener of Waterloo; a sister, Juanita Ringler of St. Joe; seven grandchildren, Chad Norton, Troy Norton, Jessica Norton, Joshua Burdick, Jason Burdick, Jeremiah Burdick and Nathan Hollinger; and three great-grandchildren, Chase Norton, Grace Norton, and Lydia Norton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Donna Mitchener.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour prior to funeral at the church. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church Library.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville with Pastor Jeff Wolhuter of Bridgeway Evangelical Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Joshua Logan, Caleb Logan, Greg Christenson, Kevin Knafel, Ben Mains, Adam Mains, and Brian Moreland.

Calling is Tuesday, April 5, 2011, from 3 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Heritage Mission in Huntertown or to the Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

View a video tribute after Tuesday or send

condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Zachery Johnson

TOPEKA — Zachery P. Johnson, 30, of Topeka died Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Howe.

Mr. Johnson had worked at SCI in Ligonier.

He had spent most of his life in LaGrange County and had attended Lakeland High School with the class of 1999.

Zachery loved to fish, watch movies and watch the NBA.

On October 27, 1980, in Peru, Ind., he was born to Christopher T. and Lucy E. (Chavez) Johnson.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Lucy E. and James E. Fearnow of LaGrange, Ind.; his father, Christopher T. Johnson of Kendallville, Ind.; a grandmother, Mary Jane Johnson of Ligonier, Ind.; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Racheal and Scott Rasler of Wolcottville, Ind., Grace Johnson of Kendallville, Ind., Nicole Chavez-Fearnow of LaGrange, Ind., Hollie and Irvin Vicens of Elkhart, Ind., Brittany and Nate Muir of Goshen, Ind., and Danielle Fearnow of Shipshewana, Ind.; two brothers, Joel Johnson of Kendallville, Ind., and Joshua Stidham of LaGrange, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Andrew Sr. and Teodosia Chavez and Richard Johnson.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Jack Smith officiating.



Mr. Johnson

Michael Downs

CHURUBUSCO — Michael R. Downs, 65, of Churubusco and formerly of the Huntertown area, died Sunday, April 3, 2011, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with Msgr. John Kuzmich officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind.

Visitation will be today, Tuesday, April 5, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to NAMI of Fort Wayne, P.O. Box 6143, Fort Wayne, IN 46896.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

George Hathcox

ANGOLA — George Clarence Hathcox, 77, of Angola died Sunday, April 3, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Hathcox had been an over the road truck driver for Leaseaway.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born March 3, 1934, in Walnut, Miss., to Luther and Tennie (Doles) Hathcox. He married Shirley Martin on Jan. 25, 1957. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Rick Hathcox of Kingsley, Mich.; two daughters, Pam Hathcox of Angola and Lori and Tom Wagner of Angola;

a brother, Bill Hathcox of Arizona; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, David Hathcox.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Jose Rivera-Osebuerta

MONGO — Jose Luis Rivera-Osebuerta, 43, of Mongo died Monday, April 4, 2011, at 12:24 p.m.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Ann German

ANGOLA — Ann German, 71 of Angola died Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was born Feb. 28, 1940, in Bluffton to Robert and Margaret (Robbins) Lusk. She married Kent



Mrs. German

German on May 9, 1958.

She drove school bus for Prairie Heights Schools for 17 years, retiring in 1990.

Mrs. German was a member of Flint United Methodist Church and the Women's Club of the church. She played piano for the church.

She loved bowling, crocheting, doing crafts and Sprint Car Racing.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Chris German of Bristol; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shari and Cheyenne Harrington of Hamilton and Beverly and Doug Coolman of Angola; one brother and sister-in-law, John and Liz Lusk of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jacquelyn and Jerry Jack of Angola and Rebecca and Larry Swanson of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren, Matthew German, Zachary German, Barrett German, Jacob Strohl, Lydia Strohl, Christian Harrington, Alexander Harrington, Benjamin Coolman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kent German, who died on Sept. 4, 1998; and a brother, Robert Lusk.

Robert Brown Sr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Robert Martin Brown Sr., 72, of Shipshewana died Sunday, April 3, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Brown retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad following 35 years of service.



Mr. Brown

He was a member of the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene.

He was born on July 1, 1938, to Noah Brown Sr. and Mabel (Kidwell) Brown in Kendallville. He married Donna VandenBosch on Nov. 17, 1957 in Allegan, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Brown Jr. and Kelly Brown of Kalamazoo, Mich., Zachary and Karen Brown of Luckey, Ohio, and William and Sandy Brown of Perrysburg, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Elinor Conrad of Albion; and five grandchildren, Justin Brown, Amanda (Cody) Bateson, Bailee, Emma and Nicholas Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Vincent, James and David Brown; a daughter, April Brown; four brothers, Noah Brown Jr., Thurman "Dick" Brown, Kenneth Wayne Brown and Leroy Brown; and two sisters, Adda Weber and Doris Hart.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the Rev. Andy Dayton of Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene or to Goshen General Hospice and Care At Home.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Martin Pena

LIGONIER — Martin Pena, 89, of Ligonier died Friday, April 1, 2011, at his home.

No services are planned.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Bromley

LIGONIER — Charles Bromley, 80, of Ligonier died Monday, April 4, 2011, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

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Peter Potts

CORUNNA — Peter G. Potts, beloved husband for 52 years of the late Helen (Graham) Potts; devoted son of the late George and Vernice (Reichelderfer) Potts; loving brother of Walter and the late Jack and Robert Potts; Jean (Potts) DeLong; and the late May Fuhrer; adored father of Kenneth and Marty Potts, Heather (Potts) Graham, Sarah Potts, Molly Potts and the late Sylvia Potts; grandfather of Wendy (Potts) Knox, Simon-Peter Cacciamani, Kenneth E. P. Potts, Shannon Potts, Arlyn (Kirkendoll) Fry, Tracey (Potts) Gruver, Peter W. Potts, and Hayley Kirkendoll-Graham; great-grandfather of seven, beloved uncle, and special friend.

A master carpenter, building trades teacher, Past Master of DeKalb Lodge # 214, and a decorated combat WWII veteran, "Opa" was a charming, humble, and empathetic presence in the lives of all who knew him. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation," a devout Lutheran and a long time resident of DeKalb County, Indiana. He was a man of humble beginnings who lived an exemplary life. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. Potts died April 3, 2011 at Bryan Care and Rehab Center in Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummer-nuss officiating. Burial will be in Corinna Cemetery, Corunna, with military graveside honors by American Legion Post #97 of Auburn.

Betty Pence

CHURUBUSCO — Betty M. Pence, 88, of rural Churubusco, died On Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2009 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Corinne K. Boruff of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross, 1212 E. California Rd., Fort Wayne IN 46825.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peter's name to American Legion Post #284 of Bryan, Ohio.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Mona Porter

GARRETT — Mona G. Porter, age 90 of Garrett, died on Sunday, April 3, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born March 5, 1921, in Sydney, Australia, to Eric V. and Gladys (Witchard) Scott. She married Eugene William Porter on February 5, 1944, in Sydney, Australia, and he died on March 8, 1995.

Mona is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Merv and Jeanne Porter of Huntertown and Joe and Kathleen Porter of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jeannie Allomong of Bryan, Ohio; a sister, Betty Sciberras of Sydney, Australia; four granddaughters, Jenna (Chris) Porter-Jacek of Greeneville, Tenn., Megan (Fernando) Llamas of Fort Wayne, Jessica Porter of Fort Wayne and Elizabeth Porter of Huntertown; a great-granddaughter, Delia Llamas of Fort Wayne; and two great grandchildren on the way.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mona was preceded in death by her brothers, Ronald and Mervyn Scott.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with burial to follow in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health and Hospice

To send a condolence or to sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Beth Sharrow

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. — Beth MacFadyen Sharrow, 68, of Sterling Heights, Mich., passed away on Friday, April 1, 2011, after valiantly fighting through many health issues.

Beth was born in Little Rock, Ark., on January 3, 1943, to the late Donald James MacFadyen and the late Mildred Baker MacFadyen of Angola, Ind. In 1959, she married Douglas Earl Sharrow, who preceded her in death on October 5, 2000.

Beth attended Angola High School, Bowling Green University, Eastern Michigan University (BA), and Wayne State University (MA). She worked for many years in the Centerline, Mich., school district as a teacher, counselor and administrator. After her career in education, she worked for several years with her husband at Sharrow and Associates.

The Sharrow family spent summers at the family home on Crooked Lake. Beth and her family were regular attendees at Pleasant View Church of Christ when they were in the Angola area. She was a devoted member of the Macomb Christian Church in Shelby Township, Mich. Her walk with the Lord was central to who she was.

Survivors include three daughters, Amy (James) Joyce, Macomb, Mich., Eve (Martin) Kaltz, Sterling Heights, Mich., and Kathryn (Joseph) Line, Oxford, Mich.; and one son, Scott (Regina) Sharrow, Zionsville, Ind. She also leaves two brothers, James (Carolyn) MacFadyen, Farmersville, Ohio, and David (Susie) MacFadyen, Angola, Ind., and one sister, Katy (Mac) Friedlander, Angola, Ind.

Robert Brown Sr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Robert Martin Brown Sr., 72, of Shipshewana died Sunday, April 3, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Brown retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad following 35 years of service.

He was a member of the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene.



Mr. Brown

He was born on July 1, 1938, to Noah Brown Sr. and Mabel (Kidwell) Brown in Kendallville. He married Donna VandenBosch on Nov. 17, 1957 in Allegan, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Brown Jr. and Kelly Brown of Kalamazoo, Mich., Zachary and Karen Brown of Luckey, Ohio, and William and Sandy Brown of Perrysburg, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Elinor Conrad of Albion; and five grandchildren, Justin Brown, Amanda (Cody) Bateson, Bailee, Emma and Nicholas Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Vincent, James and David Brown; a daughter, April Brown; four brothers, Noah Brown Jr., Thurman "Dick" Brown, Kenneth Wayne Brown and Leroy Brown; and two sisters, Adda Weber and Doris Hart.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the Rev. Andy Dayton of Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene or to Goshen General Hospice and Care At Home.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Tomlinson

FORT WAYNE — Joseph E. Tomlinson, 81, of Fort Wayne and formerly of the northeast Indiana area, died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at

DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending. Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

She was the loving grandmother of fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at Macomb Christian Church, 13845 22 Mile Road (East of Schoenherr), Macomb, MI 48044

Visitation at the church will begin at 1:30 p.m. until the time of service, with a dinner following.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the Macomb Christian Church.

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C. Clark Bromley Jr.

LIGONIER — C. Clark Bromley Jr., 80, of Ligonier died Monday, April 4, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Bromley had moved to the area in 1998 from Evergreen, Colo.

He was a stockbroker for Smith Barney, retiring in 1990. He and his wife raised alpacas.

Mr. Bromley honorably served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1951 through 1954.

He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church and the Ligonier Lions Club. He had served as a 4-H leader for eight years.

He was born July 11, 1930, in Denver, Colo., to Charles Clark and Hellen (Heberling) Bromley. He married Kathy Mickols on Jan. 18, 1984. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Linda Ruth and Tim Branigan, Charles Clark and Tamie Bromley III and Kevin McLain and Leslie Bromley; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Howard Dawson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2011, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 7812 E. Vawter Park Road, Syracuse, with Father Larry Biller officiating.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Lions Club and the Noble County 4-H Foundation.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Isaiah Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Isaiah Jon Bontrager, 5-week-old son of Joni and Ruby (Miller) Bontrager of Shipshewana, died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be today after 3 p.m. at the family residence, 8545 W. C.R. 050N, Shipshewana.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Jose Rivera

MONGO — Jose Luis Rivera, 43, of Mongo died Monday, April 4, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

A funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Father Andy Martinez officiating.

Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery at Mongo.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Christina Parkhurst

ANDERSON — Christina Rose Parkhurst, 27, of Anderson and formerly of Cromwell died unexpectedly Sunday, March 27, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services were held March 31 in Anderson. Burial was in East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson.

Memorials are to the family in care of her mother, Sherrie (Zarse) Anderson, 0696 S. Wildwood Drive, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Barbara Moore

SABETHA, Kan. — Barbara June (Popkess) Moore, 82, of Sabetha died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Sabetha Memorial Hospital in Sabetha.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Popkess Funeral Home, 823 Virginia St., Sabetha.

Burial will follow at Sabetha Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family of

Charles Ley

would like to thank all those who showed their concern for us during the loss of our dad, grandpa and great-grandpa. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, food and memorials. Special thanks to Father Edward Erpelding of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and Father Andrew Nazareth of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Garrett. Also, thanks to Thomas Funeral Home staff and the staff at Provena Sacred Heart in Avilla for the care they gave to our loved one.

God bless you.

Peg Gaar,
Connie Ley,
Joe Ley and families

Ruth Eshelman Swogger, 97

Ruth (Smith) Eshelman Swogger passed away peacefully at the Lutheran Life Villages Nursing Home in Kendallville on April 2, 2011 at 12:10 a.m. She had been in failing health for some time.

She was born in Kendallville on April 22, 1913 to John and Mary (Ries) Smith. She was a graduate of Kendallville High School in 1931. On October 13, 1934, she married Paul Robert Eshelman at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, Indiana. He preceded her in death on October 28, 1976. She later married Walter Clyde Swogger at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, Indiana on October 7, 1982. He preceded her in death on February 25, 1995.



Mrs. Swogger was a homemaker and worked for a few years at Kendallville Hardware.

She loved making quilts, sewing and baking. She also enjoyed going to garage sales with her best friend Cinnie Swogger. She was a long time member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, Indiana where she served on the Altar Guild and Ladies Aid Society and the LWML.

She is survived by two daughters, Eleanor (Hubert) Kugler of Butler, and Sharon (DeWayne) Lockwood of Waterloo; a son, Paul Wayne (Bev) Eshelman; and a daughter-in-law, Cathy Eshelman of Rome City; a step-son, David (Carol) Swogger of Corunna; eight grandchildren, Tonda (Jeff) Holsinger of Wolcottville, Troy (Sheila) Lockwood, Auburn, Heath Eshelman of Kendallville, Kama Kugler of Clermont, Florida, Todd (Kelli) Lockwood of Butler, Wini (David) Handshoe of LaGrange, Christine (Scott) Koegler of Kendallville, Heather (Joshua) Molen of Rome City; two step-grandchildren, Dan (Sharmin) Swogger of Wolcottville and Denise (Brad) Deetz of Corunna; 12 great-grandchildren, Desiree' (Stephen) Reynolds of Rome City, Carlee Holsinger of Wolcottville, Zachary, Nicholas, Jordon, and Taylor Koegler of Kendallville, Alexandria, Trevor and Elizabeth Molen of Rome City, Keeton Lockwood of Ft. Wayne and Kerissa Lockwood of Butler and Heiden Lockwood of Auburn; eight step-great-grandchildren, Brooke-Destinee Lockwood of Auburn, Ben Marchus of Butler, Alexis and Grace Hooks of Corunna, Christopher Boles, Blake and Landon Swogger of Wolcottville and Tabethia Handshoe of Kentucky.

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She is also survived by two nieces, Barbara Krehl and Virginia (William) Percifield; and nephews Bill (Babs) Smith, Bob (Mary) Smith, Bud (Ruth) Smith and Jim (Betty) Smith.

In addition to her husband's son, Hugh Eshelman; and parents, John and Mary Smith, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Bernice Wible and Agness Kennel; and three brothers, Arthur, Claude and George Smith.

Services were held at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, with Rev. Al Wingfield of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna, Indiana officiating.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Heath Eshelman, Jeff Holsinger, Scott Koegler, Troy and Todd Lockwood and Joshua Molen.

Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

C. Clark Bromley, 80

C. Clark Bromley Jr., age 80, of Ligonier, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 12:00 AM at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born on July 11, 1930 to Charles Clark and Helen (Heberling) Bromley in Denver, CO. On January 18, 1990 he married

Mr. Bromley served the United States Navy  his country honorably in from 1951 to 1954. He was a stock broker for

Smith Barney, retiring in 1990. In 1998, he moved to the area coming from Evergreen, CO. Together, he and his wife enjoyed raising alpacas.

He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church and the Ligonier Lions Club. He also served as a 4-H Leader for eight years.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy Bromley of Ligonier; his children, Linda Ruth (Tim) Branigan, Charles Clark (Tamie) Bromley III and Kevin McLain (Leslie) Bromley; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Howard Dawson. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Bromley's honor on Friday, April 8, 2011 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 7812 E. Vawter Park Rd., Syracuse, IN with Father Larry Biller officiating.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Lions Club and the Noble County 4-H Foundation.

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Patricia Anne Franks, 83

Patricia Anne Franks, age 83, died on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 6:08 p.m. at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion after an extended illness.

Mrs. Franks was born on August 2, 1927 in Woodward, Oklahoma to the late Kenneth Leon Meyer Sr. and Coralie (Fisher) Stalcup. She married Charles E. Franks Jr. and he preceded her in death on May 19, 1998.

Patricia had been a resident of the Wawaka area since 1948, after moving from Oklahoma. She was a Homemaker and was an Audio - Visual Technician for 11 years for the Noble County Public Library. She was a member of the Berean Baptist Church in Albion, the Yarley Club and enjoyed Genealogy, Reading and Writing.

She is survived by her 6 Children, a son, Steven and Rebecca Franks of Ashley, IN; five daughters, Barbara and Thomas Pehlke of Fort Wayne, Marsha Struck of La Fontaine, IN, Claire Franks of New York, NY, Laraine Franks of Terre Haute, IN, and Donna and John Schwartz of Middlebury.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter, expected in May; and brothers, Kenneth Meyer Jr. of Muskogee, OK. and Larry Meyer of Lawton, OK.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son, Kenneth Franks in 1963; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Franks were on Monday, April 4, 2011 at Berean Baptist Church in Albion. The Rev. Doug Keenan officiated.

Memorials may be directed to the Noble County Public Library or to the Berean Baptist Church of Albion.

To sign the online guest register book, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Eleanor E. Galligher, 83

Eleanor E. Galligher, 83, a former resident near Wolf Lake and widow of Kenneth H. "Bud" Galligher, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been a patient there for nearly two years.

Mrs. Galligher was born in Fort Wayne on July 29, 1927, a daughter of Ellsworth and Grace O. (Brinkman) Galbreath, and graduated from Southside High School.

On March 4, 1946 she was united in marriage in Allen County to Kenneth H. "Bud" Galligher. The couple lived east of Fort Wayne near Maples before moving to Noble County in 1976.

Employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 20 years, she retired from there in 1986.

She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

Mr. Galligher preceded her in death on September 17, 2004.

Among the surviving relatives are her children, Judy (Stan) Reed of Hometown, Linda (Bill) Mason of Monroeville, Barbara (Bob) Molessa of Tucson, Ariz., Karen (Jim) Nuttle of Fort Wayne, Patricia (Denny) Oswald of Hometown, Kenneth Galligher, Michael (Chris) Galligher, and Steven (Doreen) Galligher, all of Wolf Lake; 23 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Galbreath and William Galbreath; and by three sisters, Violet Pierce, Lillian Remmert, and Ruth Youngmans.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto, the celebrant.

Interment was in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 220 N. Main Street, Churubusco, IN 46723.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Galligher's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net



William L. Kimmel, 80

William L. Kimmel, 80, a resident of rural Churubusco in Allen County, passed away early on Saturday, April 2, 2011, in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He had been taken there from Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where he had been a patient since August.



Mr. Kimmel was born in Noble County on May 14, 1930, a son of George A. and Effa (Owen) Kimmel. He spent his formative years in Green Township and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1948.

As a young man he served with the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and was married in Churubusco on September 11, 1954 to Bonnie L. Leazier. The couple have lived all of their married lives near Churubusco in Allen County.

Employed as a tool maker, he worked at X-Y Tool & Die in LaOtto for 24 years, retiring from there in 1995. He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post.

The surviving relatives include his wife Bonnie, to whom he was married for over 56 years; four daughters, Lee Ann (Charles) Schortgen of Churubusco, Lisa (Jack) Nicole of Montgomery, Mich., and Lynn Patrick and Lori (Jay) Krueckeborg, both of Churubusco; three sisters Barbara Rider of Larwill, Midge Marshall of Cromwell, and Lalia Hand of Huntington; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

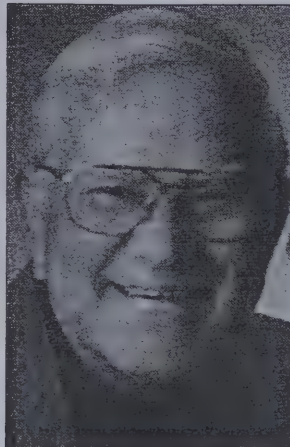
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Edward Kimmel; and four sisters, Fay Lemish, Donna Kimmel, Maxine Collins, and Betty Mote.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Samuel J. Norris, officiating.

Interment with military graveside rites was at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, or to Avilla American Legion Post.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Kimmel's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net



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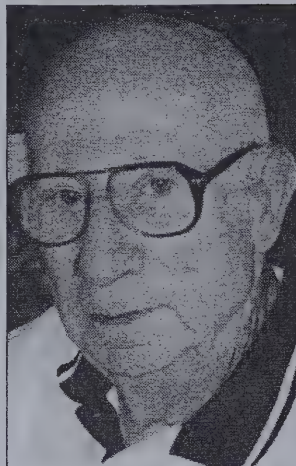
Robert E. King, 91

Robert E. King, age 91, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. King was born in Pensacola, Florida on May 5, 1919 to the late Paul King and Thelma (Henschen) McNutt.



He grew up in Fort Wayne, graduated high school, and entered the United States Army serving his country during WWII from 1941-1945.



He married Julie Wilzah on June 8, 1966 in North Olmsted, Ohio and she preceded his death.

Bob was a sprinkler system engineer and pipefitter.

He was a life member of VFW Post #2749, Kendallville, member of the F&AM Kendallville Lodge #276, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine Temple, both in Fort Wayne and American Turners, all in Fort Wayne.

He was also a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Michael Niemiec of Wildwood, Missouri; three grandchildren, Valerie and Matthew of San Diego, California and Stephen of Baltimore, Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his step-daughter, Nancy Grange; four brothers; and step-father, Dale McNutt.

Funeral services were Monday, April 4, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Leon Pomeroy.

Military funeral honors were conducted by members of the Kendallville V.F.W. Post #2749 and the Rome City American Legion Post #381 honor guard.

Entombment was at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Michael E. Hazen, 70

Michael E. ("Mick" or "Mike") Hazen, 70, a lifelong resident of Whitley County, died on Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Mr. Hazen was born on June 21, 1940 to Chalmers and Mildred Hazen. For 38 1/2-plus years he was employed at the General Electric Company in Fort Wayne.

During his lifetime he was an active citizen in both Whitley County and Churubusco community organizations. He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, and the Whitley County AARP Chapter. As a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader for at least 50 years, he earned many awards, including the BSA Silver Beaver, and also the Lamb Award for religious affiliations.

Throughout his life he enjoyed Lionel model trains, and for 30 years he personally made sure that Santa Claus visited the Churubusco-area.

Surviving are his wife Bonnie; a son and daughter-in-law Neal and Becky Hazen; two daughters Christie Hazen and Heather Hazen; eight grandchildren; and a sister-in-law Mary Ann Hazen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother Leonard Hazen.

A Celebration of his life was held Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

The family requests that memorials be directed to AWAC Boy Scouts of America, Indiana District LWML, Parkview Home Health & Hospice, or to the donor's choice.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Hazen's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net



THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 7, 2011, Thursday

Lavenia Bolen

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lavenia Bolen, age 76, of Wolcottville, died on

Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Bolen

Mrs. Bolen was born in the Black Beaver holler, Drift, Kentucky, on October 19, 1934, to the late Harry and Sara (Browning) Arnold.

Lavenia worked at Hy-Matic in Kendallville for many years. She also worked at Midwest Molding in Wolcottville before she retired in 1991.

"Veni," as many called her, loved spending her days outside. She enjoyed tending to her garden, canning the produce from it and giving it away to her family and friends. She especially loved her dogs, Bubby and Sissy.

When she was younger, "Veni" loved to squirrel and coon hunt.

Survivors include Lavenia's only son and daughter-in-law, Mackie and Pam Manns Sr. of Stroh; her stepchildren, Linda and Verlo Bontrager of LaGrange; Jerry and Mara Bolen of Rome City; and Shirley and Oley Smith of Howe; her grandchildren, Rickie and Tina Manns of Grayson, Kentucky, Joyce and Jeff Cole of Ligonier, Mindy and Earl DePew of LaGrange and Mackie Manns Jr. of Stroh; 11 stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-greatgrandchild. Also surviving is her friend and companion for many years, Richard Bolen of LaGrange.

Two of her great-grandbabies went to heaven before her, Mackie Manns III, on January 26, 2010, and Jocelyn Rae Cole, on November 15, 2010. She was also preceded in death by stepsons, Bill Bolen who died September 29, 2008, and Larry Bolen Sr. who died November 22, 2009.

Six brothers preceded in death as well, Raymond, Bun, Mason, Howard, Grant, and Jeff Arnold.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, April 7, 2011, after 4 p.m. and all day Friday at Independent Baptist Church on S.R. 3 in South Milford. There will be evening services both nights at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Independent Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Oley Smith.

Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County. Casket-bearers will be Mackie Manns Jr., Rickie Manns, Jeff Cole, Tim Smith, James Scott and Arthur "Hotrod" Smith. Honorary bearers are Austin Manns and Dakota Manns.

Preferred memorials may be made to family to help with travel expenses for family members.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Lavenia by today at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ellen Johnston

ALBION — Ellen Louise Johnston, 91, of Albion died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mrs. Johnston had worked at the Wirk Garment Co. and at Plax Engraving Co. in Ligonier.

She was a 1938 graduate of Albion High School.

Mrs. Johnston was a member of the North Star Rebekah Lodge from 1943 to the present, and was also a member of the Albion Home Demonstration Club. She has been a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion since 1946.

She was born Sept. 23, 1919, in Jefferson Township to Herbert and Gertrude (Fields) Jaquay. She married Perry "Bus" Johnston on Sept. 30, 1961, in Asbury United Methodist Church. He died July 16, 1987.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Dearl, Elvia, Eldridge and Walter "Hap" Jaquay; and a sister, Lucille (Jaquay) Hoffman.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate. Burial will be at River View Cemetery in Churubusco.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials are to the Asbury United Methodist Church Music Department.

THE NEWS SUN
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Hudson Hays

GARRETT — Hudson M. Hays, age 77, of Garrett died on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Hays

He was born October 29, 1933, in Garrett to Hudson and Bea (Morris) Hays.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1962.

He worked as a bridge builder on the CSX Railroad for 41 years before retiring in 1993.

He married Donna R. Shaw on July 11, 1992, in Garrett and she survives in Garrett.

Hudson was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Garrett Eagles.

He is also survived by three daughters and a son-in-law; Kathryn Shaw of Fort Wayne, Marsha Shaw of Fort Wayne and Rhonda and Tony Koble of Garrett; a brother, Richard Hays of Deland, Fla.; two sisters, Jeanette Jacob of Kendallville and Nancy Treesh of Corunna; his grandchildren, Ashlee Koble of Garrett, Tasha (Willie) Jordan of Tampa, Fla., and Derek Fleckenstein; and his great-grandchildren, Macyra, Myasija and Hunter Koble.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Hays; a sister, Josephine McWilliams; and a granddaughter, Chasty Koble.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R., Garrett, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating.

Joanne Galloway

KENDALLVILLE — Joanne A. Galloway, 73, of Kendallville died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 1:45 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Luther Collingsworth

BUTLER — Luther R. Collingsworth, 86, died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Collingsworth retired from Bohn Aluminum and was a member of the UAW.

He was born Aug. 21, 1924, in Spartanburg, S.C., to Nath and Rettie (Levesay) Collingsworth. He married Patricia A. Husted in Hicksville, Ohio, on Nov. 13, 1954. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Mike Wasson of Butler and Tamara and Dan Carper of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Tina Collingsworth of Butler; two brothers, Millard Collingsworth of Auburn and Lloyd Collingsworth of Blackwater, Va.; four sisters, Mary Fisher of Blackwater, Va., Alice Shoupe of Pontiac, Ill., Gladys Whittle of Florida, and Cleo Smith of Kingsport, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, James, Herbert, George, Roy, Frank, Charles and Willard Collingsworth; and two sisters, Eva Sage and Lizzie Mae McGowan.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, Pastor Paul Patton officiating.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

A military graveside service by the Garrett American Legion and VFW Auxiliary will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 8, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church, DeKalb Heart Association or National Kidney Foundation.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Patricia Damron

AUBURN — Patricia Lynn Damron, 47, of Auburn and formerly of Angola died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She had been a 10-year employee of Applebee's in Auburn.

She was a 1982 graduate of Angola High School.

She was born Oct. 5, 1963, in Prestonsburg, Ky. Her father, Jim Damron, survives in Wolcottville. Her mother and stepfather, Nancy (Hopson) Johnson and Robert Johnson, survive in Pleasant Lake.

She married Nathan James Boyles on Jan. 25, 2010. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Nancy and Gary Strowmat of Kendallville and Clarica and Cody Tink-Shuford of Angola; a son, Levi Tink of Angola; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara and William Mason of Angola and Jonna and Wade Robinson of Corunna; a brother, James Damron of Texas; and several nieces.

A memorial service will be at noon Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Mike Albaugh officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.



Mrs. Damron

Max Dudelston

NEW CASTLE — Max H. Dudelston, age 88, of New Castle passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at his residence.

He was born January 21, 1923 in Eaton, Indiana, to the late Murven and Merl Rose Dudelston.

He retired from Chrysler Corporation as a tool grinder in skilled trades following over 32 years of service.

He was a graduate of Eaton High School.

Max was a member of Union Local #371, past member of American

Legion, Amvets and Veteran of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of North 14th Street Church of God.

Max served in the Army Air Force during WWII serving in the South Pacific.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy (husband, Jerry) Stairhime of Auburn, Ind.; a granddaughter, Angela (husband, Darrin) Kirk of Middletown; grandson, Scott (wife, Brooke) Stairhime of Auburn, Ind.; four great-grandchildren, Macy and Trenton "Moose" Kirk, both of Middletown and Gunner and Garrett Stairhime both of Auburn, Ind.; a sister, Beverly (husband, Eugene) Absher; sisters-in-law, Christine Brown of Sun City West, Ariz., and Edith New and Jeanne Waddell, both of New Castle; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Anna R. Dudelston in 2001; his mother-in-law, Nannie New in 2003; father-in-law, Hester New in 1969; sisters, Betty Taylor, Barbara White and Bonnie Withers; brothers, Myran and Malcomb Dudelston; brothers-in-law, Clarence New and Raymond Waddell.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2011, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Brother Phil Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1-3 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2011, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Shirley Swartz

LIGONIER — Shirley Swartz, 73, of Ligonier died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending with Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

John Gary

FREMONT — John Dale Gary, 76, of Fremont died Thursday, April 7, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Gary had retired after serving as the branch manager of the Steuben County Farm Bureau in Fremont for 50 years.

He was a 1953 graduate of Fremont High School.

Mr. Gary attended the Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church.

He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Gary enjoyed attending and supporting Fremont High School athletic teams and events with his wife, Joan.

He also enjoyed running and spending time attending running events. His hobbies included building cabins, being close to nature and being outdoors.

He was born February 22, 1935, in Fremont, Ind., to Kenneth and Genevieve (Riede) Gary. They preceded him in death. He married Joan L. Finicle on August 21, 1954, in Fremont, Ind. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two sons, Chris and Vicky Gary of Hammondsport, New York and Ken Gary of Pine Valley, Calif.; a granddaughter, Ashley Gary of Lemon Grove, Calif.; two sisters, Betty Gary of Clear Lake, Fremont, and Sally and Joe Mowrey of Clear Lake, Fremont; and two brothers, Jim and Joyce Gary of Fremont and Bob and Barb Gary of Fremont.



Mr. Gary

James Shannon

BUTLER — James R. Shannon, 73, of Butler died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shannon worked for 35 years at Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry in Auburn, Universal Tool in Butler, and then retired from Dura Automotive Systems in Butler.

He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church in Butler.

He was born Feb. 5, 1938, in DeKalb County to Harold and L. Vivian (Gift) Shannon.

He married Carolyn Alwood on June 16, 1957, in Hamilton. She passed away July 9, 1986. He then married June Marie (Meadows) Peters on June 29, 1991, in Auburn. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brenda Geiser of Auburn; four stepdaughters, Donna Fry of Garrett, Julia Korytkowski of Phoenix, Ariz., Jean Mantle of Kendallville, and Marilyn Norris of Churubusco; two stepsons, Ronald Peters of North Carolina, and Mark Peters of Columbia City; four grandchildren and a spouse, Allison and Lynn Graber, Ashley Geiser, Sean Geiser, and Audra Geiser; 21 stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a son-in-law, Christopher Geiser.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Jack Smith officiating. Burial will take place in the Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Zion United Methodist Church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a daughter-in-law, Jill Allison Gary.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2011, at Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church, 5142 S. Old Hwy. 27, Pleasant Lake, Ind., with Pastor Lynn Eicher officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church Youth Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Edith Green

DECATUR — Edith M. Green, 93, of El Paso, Texas, and formerly of Monroe, Ind., died Sunday, April 3, 2011, at her home.

She had moved to El Paso a year ago.

She was a homemaker and had been employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne. She had volunteered at Swiss Village in Berne for 33 years, was a Sunday school teacher and a Girl Scout leader.

Mrs. Green was born Jan. 30, 1918, in Decatur to Harry O. and Ruth B. (Baltzel) Williams. She married Frank L. Green on Feb. 9, 1946, in Fort Wayne. He died May 8, 1998.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and its Women's Missionary Society. She was also a member of the DAR, Order of the Eastern Star, Adams County Heart Club and Adams County Coin Club.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Linda Green of El Paso; a son, Daniel Green of Decatur; and a sister, H. Jean Lowden of Angola; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steve Green; and two grandsons, Christopher Green and Joseph Allen Green Sr.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, 520 N. Second St., Decatur. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery at Monroe.



Mrs. Green

Penny Norris

NORTH WEBSTER — Penny L. Norris, 49, of Cromwell died at 11:02 a.m. on Wednesday April 6, 2011 in IU Health — Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

Services are at 4 p.m. Sunday at Owen Family Funeral Home, North Webster, with the Rev. Craig Fritchley of the church officiating.

Visitation is 2-4 p.m. at Owen Family Funeral Home, North Webster.

Memorial bequest may be given to the Penny L. Norris Funeral Fund in c/o Owen Family Funeral Home.

Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, with an Eastern Star service Sunday at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church Women's Missionary Society, Adams County DAR or Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Send online condolences to www.zwickjahn.com.

Kimberly Bradsher

LAGRANGE — Kimberly Ann (Mickem) Bradsher, 48, of Fremont and formerly of LaGrange died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 10, 1962, in LaGrange to Terry and Patsy Mickem.

Surviving are her children, Jeffrey Lynn Yerington, Danielle Nicole

Bradsher and Jaimie Jo Bradsher; her brother, Timothy Lee Mickem; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Clarence and Roxie (Scafer) Keller; her father, Terry Mickem; brother, Jeffrey Mickem; and grandson, Andrew Anthony Clay Yerington.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carledean Merrifield officiating.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.



Mrs. Bradsher

Donna Handshoe

CORUNNA — Donna Rae Handshoe, age 65, of Corunna died on Friday, April 8, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Handshoe was born in Ionia, Michigan, on February 23, 1946, to the late Forest and Doris (Boyd) Rathburn.

She married Little Andy Handshoe on July 1, 1971, in Waterloo.



Donna Mrs. Handshoe

was employed with King Seeley from July 19, 1979, until they closed. She then worked at TI Group in Ashley before becoming disabled and not able to work.

Donna was a very outgoing person who was full of life. She loved her family and God. Donna loved to go shopping and to garage sales, but her favorite thing in life was spending time with her grandchildren! Anyone who knew Donna would say how sweet they thought she was and indeed she was sweet, caring, honest and a child of God! Growing up a deaf mute never held her back as she climbed above all the negative and proved you can do anything with God on your side! She was an inspiration to all who met her and she brought joy to all she came in contact with!

Survivors include her husband, Andy Handshoe of Corunna; three daughters, Linda Sue and Jerry Krock of Avilla, Julie Ann Leon of Fort Wayne and Annie Lee and David Lewis of Fort Wayne;

a son, Garry Little Handshoe and Sue Manhke of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren, Duane and Lacy Days of Auburn, Daniel Leon of Fort Wayne, Frank Days of Kendallville, Cynthia Days of Avilla, Davontae Cornell Lewis of Fort Wayne and Andre Davontae Lewis of Fort Wayne; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Darlene Hart of Edgerton, Ohio, and Cindy Smith of Hudson; two brothers, John and Pam (Walters) Rathburn of Hudson and Avery and Peg Rathburn of California; and two sisters-in-law, Mae Rathburn of Kendallville and Rosemary Rathburn Briggs of Butler.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Steve Rathburn, Dave Rathburn and Mark Rathburn.

Visitation will be today, Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Willie Collins.

Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Garman Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE —

Garman Handshoe, 68, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 7, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Handshoe was an over-the-road trucker for Sunrise Express and Overland Transportation.

He was born in Garrett, Ind., Jan. 17, 1943, to the late Crit Handshoe and Maggie (Bradley) Handshoe.

Surviving are a son, Randi Handshoe of Greenville, S.C.; a daughter, Bobbi Handshoe of Bluffton, Ind.; six grandchildren; two sisters, Glenna and G.C. Johnson of LaOtto and Antha and John Bailey of Auburn; and his companion, Sandra Winling of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Arnold, Pard and Garnel Handshoe, and his sisters, Ruth Bailey, Julie Conley, Dorothy Conley, Edith Cook and Delphia Miller.

Private burial took place Friday at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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Martha Martin

ANGOLA — Martha McClish Martin, 102, of Auburn and formerly of Angola died Thursday, April 7, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Martin was a homemaker.

She was a 1927 graduate of Salem Center High School.

Mrs. Martin taught Sunday school for many years and was active in church work until she was physically unable to do so.

She was born Dec. 8, 1908, in Salem Center in Steuben County to Isaac and Mabel (Ammerman) Bodley. She married Virgil McClish on Jan. 17, 1928. He preceded her in death June 24, 1988. She then married Robert Martin on Oct. 14, 1989. He died in January 2007.

Surviving are a son, James (Connie) McClish of Martinsville; three daughters, Rebecca (Richard) Wisner of Auburn, Marianne Jenkins of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Sally (George) Bartindale of Richmond; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William Bodley; a sister, Katy Boyer; a son-in-law, Wally Jenkins; and three grandsons, Greg, Matt and Craig.



Mrs. Martin

Shirley Swartz

LIGONIER — Shirley A. Swartz, 73, of Ligonier, Ind., died at 11:02 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Goshen Hospital following an extended battle with cancer.

Mrs. Swartz was a lifetime area resident and a dedicated homemaker. She had been employed at the Wirk Garment Factory and Monsanto.

She was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She was born July 23, 1937, in Noble County, Ind., to Ozro Leon Hutchings and Alma (Petree) Hutchings-Gunter.

She married Ronald Swartz on February 17, 1956. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are her children, Teresa McLaughlin of Wabash, Ind., Tona (Rich) Chupp of Ligonier, Tracy Swartz of Ligonier and Tana Smith of Ligonier; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two siblings, Estella (David) Spradlin of Mason, Ohio, and Steve (Judy) Hutchings of Urbanna, Ohio; and five stepbrothers, Ronald, Richard, Rick and Roger Debolt and Dave Gunter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepparents; a great-granddaughter; a brother; and two stepbrothers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at The Crosswalk at the Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, Ind., with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 75265.

Send online condolences to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Lance Witham officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lake Missionary Church, 9030 U.S. 20 West, Angola, IN 46703.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Edith Willms

ORLAND — Edith Pauline Willms, 93, of Orland died Friday, April 8, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She had lived most of her life in Steuben County in the Orland area.

Mrs. Willms had worked in many area restaurants at the Brighton mushroom farm and as a housekeeper.

She enjoyed her family and friends, making quilts and pies, playing cards, going to garage sales and shopping.

Mrs. Willms attended the Lake Gage Church and was a member of the Ladies Guild. She volunteered to help with church dinners and making pies. She was also a member of the Lucky Seven Euchre Club.

She enjoyed making family dinners, especially for Christmas Eve, Thanksgiving, Easter and Mother's Day.

She was born December 1, 1917, in LaGrange, Ind., to Jonathon Thomas and Orpha May (Stevenson) Campbell. They preceded her in death. She married Donald Alton Willms in 1940 in LaGrange, Ind. He preceded her in death in 1965.

Surviving are five daughters, Betty and George Rathbun of Orland, Mary Hogstad of Sturgis, Mich., Dorothy "Dodie" Fritz of Fremont, Bonnie and Nick Witham of LaGrange and Emma Willms and her companion Jerry Sweet of Bronson, Mich.; a son, Richard Willms of Orland; 35 grandchildren; 107 great-grandchildren; and 58 great-great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Willms

She was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas Alton Willms; a daughter, Rose Marie Willms; a sister, Florence Olcott; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Wilma Chisholm

GARRETT — Wilma L. Chisholm, 94, of Garrett died Friday, April 8, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Chisholm was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren. She was also a member of the National Seventeeners Club.

She was born March 21, 1917, in Auburn to Maurice and Clara (Wells) Elsner.

She married Maurice Chisholm on Nov. 26, 1936, in Auburn. He died Dec. 13, 1995.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Lucretia Chisholm of Springfield, Ohio, Jerald and Marcia Chisholm of LaOtto, and

Leon and Bonnie Chisholm of Garrett; nine grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a half sister, Betty Riskas of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Peggye (Chisholm) Lortie; a brother, Maurice "Bud" Elsner; and three sisters, Naomi Hullett, Thelma Lawhead and Ormi Kohn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Keith Sarver officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Lotchie Conley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lotchie Conley, 78, of Wolcottville died Friday, April 8, 2011, in his residence, with his family at his side.

Mr. Conley moved to this area in 1943 from Kentucky.

He was self-employed as a truck driver for most of his life, and has been in every state except Hawaii. He retired from Tenneco Automotive in Ligonier.

He honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955.



Mr. Conley

He was a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church and American Legion Post 777 in Indianapolis.

Lotchie loved to play stringed instruments, and he enjoyed reading.

He was born August 26, 1932, in Floyd County, Kentucky, to Will and Pearl (Handshoe) Conley. On June 23, 1956, in Stroh he married Lola Sizemore.

Surviving are his wife, Lola Conley of Wolcottville; a son, Ron Conley of Indianapolis; and three daughters, Cathy Sue Conley of Wolcottville, Vicki (Brent) Perkins of Wolcottville, and Shawn (Jerry) Gallegos of Stroh; five grandchildren, Lindsey Perkins, Tristan Perkins, Rochelle Brettell, Danielle Conley, and Kirstie Conley; and three great-grandchildren, Gracelyn Conley, Xander Brooks, and Rielyn Brettell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Emma Hunter.

Rory Smith

GARRETT — Rory William Smith, 38, of Garrett, died Thursday, April 7, 2011.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

David Troyer

LAGRANGE — David W. Troyer, 68, of Shipshewana died Thursday, April 7, 2011, at Parkview Main Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Ruth Ruger

HAMILTON — Ruth E. Ruger, 65, of Hamilton died Thursday, April 7, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ruger worked as a CNA at various nursing homes in the area, retiring after 27 years of service.

She was born Feb. 22, 1946, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, to Leo and Hazel (Sullivan) Hunt.

She married Edward C. Ruger on Aug. 21, 1981, in Paulding, Ohio. He survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a sister, Thelma Eaton of Bellefontaine, Ohio; and a brother, Gail Hunt of Bellefontaine.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Harold Hunt, Dick Hunt, and Jack Hunt.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling one hour prior to the service. Pastor K.C. Klarner will be officiating.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 11, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Ron Stambaugh and Pastor Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery. Military graveside services will be provided by VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 381, and active duty members of the U.S. Air Force.

Casketbearers will be Brent Perkins, Jerry Gallegos, Rodney Migrant, Harold Conley, Wesley Martin, and John Campbell.

Calling is Sunday, April 10, 2011, from 3 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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The band played on for Bueker



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Frank Bueker plays his French horn with the Mizpah Shrine Band. He was a member of many community bands, including the Auburn Community Band, in which he played for more than 25 years.

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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AUBURN — Frank Henry Bueker Jr. was a musical man who dedicated his time to his family as well as many community bands and orchestras from Auburn to Fort Wayne.

Bueker was born in Fort Wayne in 1918 to Frank H. and Adella Bueker. It was there where he discovered music at the tender age of 9, said his wife, Betty.

"The News-Sentinel had a boys band, and he started on the French horn and played with them for a while," Betty Bueker said.

Mr. Bueker continued playing his French horn in the Fort Wayne Civic Symphony Orchestra, now the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and played in the high school orchestra at North Side High School.

Music led the couple to meet. She explained that as a musician herself, the two often saw one another at the Wainwright Band and Orchestra Camp at Oliver Lake in Wolcottville.

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"We really didn't know each other well," Mrs. Bueker said. "I played the cello and harp, and he played the horn."

After high school, Mrs. Bueker said, her husband attended the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., on a music scholarship. He then entered the service and served in the South Pacific during World War II and in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for four years.

When he returned to Fort Wayne from the military, the newly created Fort Wayne Philharmonic was looking for a horn player, Mrs. Bueker recalled. Even though he hadn't touched a horn in more than four years, the director needed him — so, naturally, he stepped up, Mrs. Bueker said.

It was there, in the practice hall, where he saw Mrs. Bueker again, bringing back memories from band camp.

"The story goes that he went home and said to his father, 'Guess who is playing in the orchestra?'" Mrs. Bueker said. "His dad encouraged him to ask me out." The two wed in 1947 played together in the orchestra for years, she said.

Soon after marrying, the couple moved to Auburn, and Mr. Bueker worked for Messenger Corp. until 1980. He also played in a variety of

community bands — the Mizpah Shrine band for 43 years, the Auburn Community Band for 25 years and the American Legion Post 47 band for 59 years.

"He really just had a love of playing music," Mrs. Bueker said. It was something he easily passed down to his children, Stephen and Karen. Stephen Bueker plays the French horn and organ, and Karen Bueker learned to play the flute. Both were fortunate enough to play with their father in the Auburn Community Band.

"He started me on the French horn when I was just a wee child," Stephen Bueker said. "Dad was always playing brass music. That is where the interest came from."

Stephen Bueker, his father's child, plays 25 to 30 various band concerts each year around his community in Easton, Pa. One of the French horns he plays was handed down to him from his father, he said.

In addition to his musical talents, Mrs. Bueker said, her husband enjoyed volunteering his time for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum as a docent. He was a member of the Lions Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, engaging in many social service projects.

Mr. Bueker was also a skilled gardener, growing every fruit and vegetable imaginable, his wife said. From carrots to peas and beans to squash, Mr. Bueker loved spending time in his garden.

Stephen Bueker said his dad was determined to garden, wherever he could find the space. For a long time, he farmed a vacant lot near his South Baxter Street home. When condominiums were built there, his father moved the garden to a lot on McClellan Street. And, when homes were built there, too, his dad moved his garden to Center Street.

"(Gardening) was just something he liked to do," Stephen Bueker said. "There was plenty of fresh (food) every fall."

Mr. Bueker died March 24 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Rory Smith

GARRETT — Rory William Smith, 38, of Garrett, died Thursday, April 7, 2011.

Mr. Smith was born in Kendallville on Oct. 6, 1972 to Wally H. Smith and Rosemarie Lloyd.

He married Amanda Dawn Armstrong Smith on December 6, 2004.

He worked for Allied Exterior in Albion as a roofer.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda Dawn Smith of Garrett; three sons, Drake Landes, Austin Pfleidner and Kraig Smith, all of



Mr. Smith

Garrett; a daughter, Rhianna Armstrong of Garrett; his mother, Rosemarie Lloyd of Kendallville; four brothers,

Robert Wilcox of Fort Wayne, Dennis Smith and David Smith, both of Kendallville, and Rodney Messer of Hindman, Ky.; and five sisters, Rosemary Schaeffer of Kendallville, Roberta Garcia of Columbia City, Rowena Hart of Reno, Nev., Sheila Musser of Wolcottville and Mary Ridenour.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wally H. Smith, in February 2011.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the House of Prayer in Corunna with Rev. Earl Terry and Rev. Phillip Puckett officiating.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 6 p.m. at the House of Prayer in Corunna.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be left at

www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

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Joseph Bolen Jr.

AVILLA — Joseph "Joe" Bolen Jr., 78, of Avilla died Saturday, April 9, 2011, at 4 a.m. in his residence.

Mr. Bolen moved to this area in 1967, coming from Kentucky. He retired from Kendallville Foundry.

He attended Ashley Love-Divine Baptist Church.

He was born May 17, 1932, in Knott County, Ky.,



Mr. Bolen

to Joseph Bolen, Sr. and Alonzo (Boleyn) Bolen.

Surviving are three daughters, Debbie (Joe Ray) Prater of War, W.

Va., Sandy Naese of Bourbonnais, Ill., and Rebecca Bolen of Kendallville; six sons, Danny Ray (Sue) Bolen of Middlebury, Damon Bolen of Avilla, Dwayne Bolen of New York, Tom John Bolen of Avilla, Jody Bolen of Peoria, Ill., and Robert (Debbie) Bolen of Avilla; 30 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; two sisters, Bonnie Johnson of Illinois and Cora Barker of South Milford; and two brothers, Jim Bolton of Illinois and Garland Gibson of Michigan.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Bolen, a sister, Marie Vanclarbon, and five brothers, Shelton Bolen, Bernis Bolen, Milford Handshoe, Milton Handshoe and Morioe Gibson.

Services will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Ashley Love-Divine Baptist Church with Pastor Phillip Lucas and Pastor David Bolen officiating.

Knight Kuhn

ANGOLA — Knight E. Kuhn, 82, of Angola, died Friday, April 8, 2011, in Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehab Center, Angola. There will be no services at this time. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

David Troyer

SHIPSHEWANA — David W. Troyer, 68, of Shipshewana, died Thursday at 9:23 p.m. at Parkview Main Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with Pastor Carl Horner officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the church where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Services Wednesday for Albert Sebert, former assistant fire chief

KENDALLVILLE — Albert L. Sebert, 79, of Kendallville died on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

He was born in DeKalb County on Aug. 2, 1931, to Peter J. Sebert and Bertha A. (Manrow) Sebert. Al graduated from Waterloo High School in 1950. He married Marjorie A. Jones on March 23, 1951 in Auburn, and she survives.



Al worked for Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 40 years, serving as a supervisor for several years before retiring in 1992. He was an active member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville where he belonged to the Yard Birds Mens Group.

Mr. Sebert Al served on the Kendallville Fire Department from 1959 to 1981, acting as Assistant Fire Chief from 1972 to 1981.

He also served on the Noble County Community Fair Corp. Board for several years, serving as the president in 1989; held offices in city and county government over the years; and has been a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge 276 since 1961.

He and his wife enjoyed spending the winter months in Mesa, Arizona for the last 18 years. He was very active in local community projects and enjoyed playing Santa Claus at Christmas time for under privileged children.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie A. Sebert of Kendallville; two sons, Kim and Jane Sebert of Carbon-dale, Pa., and Craig and Peggy Sebert of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Erin Sebert, Peter Sebert, Michelle and Scott Olsen, Jennifer Trowbridge, William Thompson and David Thompson; five great-grandchildren, Chace Gamble, Tyler Gamble, Nathan Gamble, Kyle Olsen and Kaytlin Olsen; and two sisters, Naomi and Delbert Myers of Auburn and Mary Childs of Fort Worth, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Loretta Davis.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 12, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers Al would prefer that you do something nice for someone, or make donations to the First Christian Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Albert by Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Francis Prus

HUNTINGTON — Francis Robert "Duce" Prus, 87, of Huntington died Sunday April 10, 2011, at 3:43 a.m. at Parkview



Mr. Prus

Huntington Hospital.

Mr. Prus was born May 29, 1923, in Huntington to Casmir and Fenna Hnatejko Prus. His

parents preceded him in death. He married Kathleen M. Kelly on June 21, 1952, in St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntington. She survives.

Mr. Prus graduated from Huntington Catholic High School in 1941. He was a locomotive engineer for the Erie Lackwanna /Conrail Railroad. He retired on Nov. 27, 1982, after 42 years of service.

Mr. Prus was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineer 221, Knights of Columbus, V.F.W. Post 2689 and Erie Lackwanna Veterans Association. He served in the U.S. Army, overseas in the Pacific Arena, during World War II.

Survivors include two sons: Kevin (Cindy) Prus of Huntington and John (Debra) Prus of Newport News, Va.; two daughters, Linda Prus of Fort Wayne and Shari (Larry) Holbrook of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. James (Mary Ann) South of Roanoke and Mrs. Richard (Helen) Davis of Huntington; and one brother, Robert (Joann) Prus of Andrews.

Randy Bungard

FORT WAYNE — Randy J. Bungard, 55, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011, at home in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Bungard

Born in Auburn, Randy worked as a mill adjuster with Steel Dynamics for 15 years. He was a member of Christ's

Hope Ministries and Church, taught Sunday School and was active in men's ministry.

Surviving are his wife, Susan K. Bungard; daughter, Angela (Brad) Ratliff both of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Addison and Ethan Ratliff; son, Benjamin (Kellie) Bungard of Mooresville; grandchildren, Ava and Truett Bungard; brothers, Raymond (Marie) Bungard of Bryan, Ohio, and Jerry (Linda) Bungard and Charlie (Connie) Bungard both of Butler; sisters, Sara Leazenby of Waldron, Mich., and Carol Sweet, Dianne Miller and Julie (Jim) Rediger, all of Fort Wayne.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Willis and Ava Bungard.

Services are Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Erick Riddle officiating, and calling one hour prior to services. Additional calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Christ's Hope Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William J. Prus, and Joseph E. Prus.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m., at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington with a rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington with Father John Pfister presiding. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorials are to St. Mary Catholic Church, Masses at St. Mary Catholic Church and Parkview Huntington Hospital Foundation, in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home.

Online condolences are to www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com

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David Peterson

HAMILTON — David C. Peterson, 70, of Hamilton died Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Thursday before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donors choice.

Kathleen Cather

BUTLER — Kathleen L. Cather, 90, died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at the

Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born on April 4, 1921, in Defiance County, Ohio, to John H. and Florence H. (Smith) Rohrs. Kate married Charles Kester Cather on July 5, 1947, in Butler; he preceded her in death on Oct. 7, 1991.

Kate was member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three brothers, Paul Rohrs of Edgerton, Ohio, Lester Rohrs of Bryan, Ohio, and Floyd Rohrs of Antwerp, Ohio; two sisters, Lavern Grupp of Bryan, Ohio, and Florence Fields of Simpsonville, S.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, DeLoy Rohrs; and two sisters, Dora Shafer and Phyllis Humerick.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, one hour prior to funeral services at the church.

Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery, Butler.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to
www.hejohnsonfh.com

Dorothy Twitchell

ANGOLA — Dorothy E. Twitchell, 81, died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at Briar Hill Nursing Home in Middlefield, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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Dorothy Twitchell

ANGOLA — Dorothy Etta (Bachelor) Twitchell, age 81, of Angola and formerly of Orland passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2011, at Briar Hill Health Care Residence in Middlefield, Ohio.

Mrs. Twitchell was born in Huntington, Indiana, on May 16, 1929, to the late Paul and Bessie (LaSalle) Bachelor.

She graduated from Orland High School.

Mrs. Twitchell was an Avon sales lady for over 20 years.

She was a member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

She loved reading her Bible, singing in the church choir, painting and crafts, and spending time with her family especially on the Bachelor farms. A special place, Pine Lake in the Manistee National Forest, Wellston, Michigan, was the family fishing vacation spot for almost 50 years.

On June 27, 1948, she married her high school sweetheart Donald D. Twitchell at the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. They lived their entire married life in Orland. He preceded her in death on October 31, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann (William) Glasgow of Middlefield, Ohio; a son, Dean (Debra) Twitchell of Angola; and grandchildren, Ryan Glasgow of Portland, Oregon, Carrie (Jeffrey) Pintar of Orland Park, Illinois, Jennifer Glasgow of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Cole Twitchell of Lockport, Illinois. Also surviving are a great-grandchild, Jackson Pintar; sisters-in-law, Libby (Agner) Bachelor of Orland and Grace (Forrest) Bachelor of Baltimore, Maryland; six nephews and two nieces.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Betty (Alvard) Graham; three brothers, Harold, Max, and Charles; and a beloved nephew, Don Bachelor.

Services will be Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is Wednesday, April 13, from 5-8 p.m. at the H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, 4710 W. Bachelor Road., Angola, IN 46703.

To sign guest book or leave condolences go to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Rebecca Christensen

GARRETT — Rebecca Christensen, 62, of Garrett died Monday, April 11, 2011, at her home.

She was born March 4, 1949, in Lansing, Mich., to Ted and Berniece (Martin) Christensen.



Mrs. Christensen

Surviving are a son, Shawn Lynch; her companion, Steve Mansfield; her parents, Ted and Berniece Christensen, her brother, Jim (Janet) Christensen; her sister, Brenda (Ron) Grant; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or the American Cancer Society.

There will be no services.

Lloyd Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Lloyd C. Yoder of Shipshewana died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Mervin Miller residence, 7640 W. C.R. 075N, Shipshewana. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday April 14, also at the Mervin Miller residence. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Maureen Black

ALBION — Maureen O. Black, age 93, of Albion passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 11:30 p.m. at Northridge Village in Albion.

She was born on June 18, 1917, to Roy and Leta (Trittipo) Olinghouse in Ligonier, Ind. On January 21, 1945, in Ligonier she married John Black at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church. He preceded her into heaven March 21, 1994.

Mrs. Black was a 1935 graduate of Topeka High School. She worked for the Ligonier Telephone Company as a telephone operator and was also a church secretary. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, the United Methodist Women, Albion Eastern Star #178 and the Rural Mail Carrier's Auxiliary.

Survivors include three children, Judith (Charles) Cox of Elkhart, Ind., Elizabeth (John) Firestone of Wawaka, Ind., and Thomas (Kathi) Black of Minneapolis, Minn.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her stepfather, Walter H. Babb; an infant brother, William; and an infant grandson, Adam Black.

A celebration of life service will be held in Mrs. Black's honor on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Bret Frymier officiating. The service will begin with a ceremony conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter #178.

A private family burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion on Friday.

A time of visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church prior to the service on Saturday. Memorial contributions are to the Asbury United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter #178, 7415 W. C.R. 1200N 57, Topeka, IN 46571 or Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, P.O. BOX 02, Albion, IN 46701.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Betty Van Hoozer

WOLCOTTVILLE — Betty Jo Van Hoozer, age 67, of Wolcottville died on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at her home in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Van Hoozer was born in Garrett, Kentucky, on March 7, 1944, to the late Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins.

Betty was a homemaker. She also worked, in the past, at Ball Brass Foundry in Auburn and Mid West Molding in Wolcottville.

She was a member of the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.

Betty loved the outdoors. She enjoyed fishing and camping at Indian Springs Campground near Wolcottville.

She also loved to go to yard sales, spend quality time with her grandchildren and crocheting.

Survivors include three daughters, Sheila and Chad Hoover of Kendallville, Diana Kirkpatrick and Danny Ramey of Wolcottville and Shirley Jean Van Hoozer of Rome City; three sons, Kelly and Geraldine Newsome of Wolcottville, Larry and Kimberly Handshoe of Rome City and Ricky and Kristan Handshoe of Pikeville, Kentucky; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Ray Collins of Albion and Roy and Bonnie Collins of Kendallville; three sisters, Mary Jo Bolen of LaGrange, Annie Kessler of Wabash and Helen and Jack Criswell of Waterloo; and Dave Van Hoozer of Wolcottville.



Mrs.
Van Hoozer

Frances Anderson

KENDALLVILLE — Frances "Butch" Anderson, 54, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wavne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Geraldine Collins, Irene Belcher, Nannie McPhearson and Josephine Bailey, and her brother, Sonny Collins. Visitation will be today, Wednesday, April 13, 2011, from after 5 p.m. and Thursday, all day and evening, at the Independent Baptist Church on State Road 3 in South Milford. Evening services will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 15, 2011, at noon at Independent Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Charles Mosley and Pastor Larry Anglemeyer.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers will be Timothy Newsome, Jeremy Handshoe, Chad Handshoe, Dillon Kirkpatrick, Dickie Kirkpatrick and Tom Collins.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Betty by today at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Burkeen

ALBION — Kenneth Allen Burkeen, age 63, died suddenly on Sunday, April 10, 2011, at his home in Albion.

He was born in Finger, Tennessee, on December 12, 1947, and was the son of Millard and Ruth (Gaff) Burkeen, both deceased.

He moved to Albion nine years ago, coming from Chicago.

Mr. Burkeen was a self-employed contractor in the Chicago area.

He was known as an "explorer" and loved gardening, walking and biking. He was always willing to help out his neighbors and never told anyone no. He was also known for telling good stories.

Surviving are his soul mate of almost 34 years, Linda (Strope) Kelly of Albion; three children, Anna Carrilo of Chicago, Thomas Kelly of Texas, and Rebecca Kelly of Chicago; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his mother-in-law, Marion Campbell of Kendallville; four brothers, Jimmy, Billy, Ralph and Carroll Burkeen; and a sister, Shelby Kelly.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Nellie Brown.

Private services will be held, and cremation will take place after.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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William Overman Sr.

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — William Paul Overman Sr., 76, peacefully passed away on April 10, 2011, at the Hospice Care Center in Brooksville, Fla.

Paul was born on February 23, 1935, to William Clifton



Mr. Overman

Overman and Letha (Willoughby) Overman in Princeton, N.C.

He was happily retired and enjoyed homes at Lake Gage in Steuben County, Ind., and Brooksville, Fla.

He began his working career with Helm Motor Express in Laurinburg, N.C., and in 1968 moved his family to Bowling Green, Ohio, to serve as manager of John Blue Farm Equipment.

His interests included being an avid golfer, fisherman and woodworker.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Lucille (Blackmon); a daughter, Deborah (Jeff) Albright; a son, William Paul (Fran) Overman Jr.; sisters, Effie Crownover and Fannie Howell; brothers, Danny Overman and Jerry Overman; grandchildren, Bryan Lever, Kelly Lever and Heather Plowman; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, Brooksville, Fla.

Matthew Miller

ASHLEY — Matthew Paul Miller, age 22, of Ashley died on April 11, 2011, in Kendallville.

Matthew was born in Auburn on July 30, 1988, to Paul R. Miller and Freda Ann (Sensing) Neuman.



Mr. Miller

He married Jessica Kelley on April 9, 2009, in Kendallville.

From time to time Matthew attended the True Church of God in Jesus' Name in Lisbon.

Matthew loved to fish, enjoyed UFC boxing, video games and watching TV. He was an avid movie buff who knew a lot of movie trivia.

Being active members in their church, the family suggests that donations in lieu of flowers may be made to First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, 18131 Stromberg Ave., Brooksville, FL 34604-7548 to go toward the Children's Park Project.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2011, at Green Lawn Cemetery, S.R. 120 east of Orland, Ind.

Pinecrest Funeral Chapel in Brooksville was in charge of arrangements. Send condolences to www.pinecrestfuneralchapel.com.

Survivors include his father, Paul R. Miller of Hudson; his mother, Freda Ann and Victor Neuman of Kendallville; his wife, Jessica Miller of Ashley; his sister, Brandy Miller and Tyler Morehouse of Angola; two stepsisters, Chelsea Jones of Kendallville and Victoria Snow of Butler; a stepbrother, Dustin Neuman of Butler; three half sisters, Amber Miller of Fort Wayne, Holly Carroll of Bryan, Ohio, and Stephanie Homister of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandmother, Joan Miller of Hudson; his maternal grandparents, Faye and Worley Gibson of Kendallville; his mother- and father-in-law, Jeanne and Bill Kelley of Hudson; two brothers-in-law, Dylan Kelley and Austin Kelley, both of Hudson; and many nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his cousin and best friend, Ryan Hart; his grandfather, Paul Miller Sr.; his great-grandparents, Carl and Margaret Fannin; and his grandmother-in-law, Patricia Shaw.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 14, 2011, from 3-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 15, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Abe Prater.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery at Albion.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Association, 6931 Arlington Road, 2nd floor Bethesda, MD 20814.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Matthew by Thursday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 13, 2011, Wednesday

Patrick Teagarden

WOLCOTTVILLE — Patrick Leo Teagarden, age 59, of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, Ind., died on April 10, 2011, at home after an extended battle with cancer.

Pat was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., on March 11, 1952, to Edward and Ruth Teagarden and lived most of his life in the Fort Wayne area.

He graduated from Bishop Luers High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

He taught social studies for 25 years at Homestead High School and was department chairman for many years as well as the Key Club Adviser.

His biggest passion was the sport of soccer, and he loved everything about the game. He spent more than 35 years coaching various youth, travel and school teams in the Fort Wayne area, including having the distinction of being the first Director of Coaching of the Fort Wayne Sport Club. He assisted in the development of adult soccer and was one of the original board members of the Summit City Adult Soccer League. He played soccer at IPFW in Fort Wayne from 1974-1977. He assisted in the development of the Aboite Township soccer complex as an adviser to the Aboite Township Park Department.



**Mr.
Teagarden**

He was a member of the Indiana Olympic Development State Staff and a member of the Indiana Youth Soccer Coaching Education Staff. Some of his other awards/accomplishments in soccer include: 1980 - McQuire Cup State Champions Regional Finalist; 1993 - Northern Cup State Champions and Coach of the Year; 2009 - Inducted into the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame; 2011 - Inducted into the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Nancy; daughters, Katie (Ben) Fields of Killeen, Texas, and Danielle (Shelby Sieftring) of Fort Wayne; sons, Dr. Justin (Dr. Lanette) Green of New Iberia, La., and Brian Green of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Angel and Joey Fields and Kiera Green; his mother, Ruth Teagarden; a brother, Michael (Becky) of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Maureen (George) Surface of Greenwood, Ind.; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward; and his infant children, Aimee Maureen and Sean Patrick.

Service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior.

Visitation is also 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials to Fort Wayne Sport Club Pat Teagarden Soccer Coaching Education Fund (www.fortwaynesportclub.com).

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

May Mann

CROMWELL — May Marlene Mann, 75, of Cromwell, died Monday, April 11, 2011, at her home.

Services are at 6 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle of The Rock Church, Syracuse. Burial is at a later date in Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

Calling is 4-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital and Healthcare Foundation.

Bertha Marner

LAGRANGE — Bertha Marner, 89, of LaGrange, formerly of Shipshewana, died Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at her residence.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Maple Grove Church, Topeka, with the Rev. Barry St. Clair officiating.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to funeral service at the church.

Memorials are to Maple Grove Church, Topeka.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 13, 2011, Wednesday

Merlin Schemahorn

WOLCOTTVILLE —
Merlin L. "Bud" Schemahorn, 84, of Wolcottville died

Monday, April 11, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Schemahorn had lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

He had worked on the Indiana Toll Road in the construction and in the maintenance department, as a police officer in Chandler, Ariz., had owned B & B Associates trucking company in Wolcottville and was a farmer.

He was a United States Navy Veteran serving in World War II.

Mr. Schemahorn was a member of the First Church of God in LaGrange, LaGrange American Legion Post #215, VFW Post in Fort Wayne, Meridian Sun Lodge #76 Free and Accepted Masons of LaGrange, and Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

He was born March 21, 1927, in Howe to Clyde E. and Edith I. (Hanlon) Schemahorn. He married Barbara A. Elliott on April 17, 1949, in LaGrange. She survives in Wolcottville.



Mr. Schemahorn

Also surviving are a daughter, Charlotte Ann Petit of Anthon, Iowa; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley F. and Mary L. Schemahorn of LaGrange and Stephen C. and Lunda Schemahorn of Elmwood, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Mingus of Sturgis, Mich.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ernie and Mary Schemahorn of Sturgis, Mich., and Phillip and Sharyn Schemahorn of Mishawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Carrie Schemahorn.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with military services by LaGrange American Legion Post #215.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A masonic service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to ALS Association, Indiana Chapter, 6525 E. 82nd St., Suite 115, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Theron Rodmaker

KENDALLVILLE —
Theron R. Rodmaker, 88, of Kendallville died Friday, April 1, 2011, at the home of his daughter.

There will be a celebration of life service on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, 1008 South St., Albion.

Elkhart Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Smith

CENTREVILLE, Mich. — Catherine P. Smith, 98, of Centreville, Mich., formerly of Middlebury, died Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Fairview Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, Centreville. Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

George Corkwell

ELLENTON, Fla. — George R. Corkwell, 91, of Ellenton, Fla., and Albion, Ind., died Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

April 13, 2011, Wednesday

Maureen O. Black, 93

Maureen O. Black, age 93, of Albion passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 11:30 PM at Northridge Village in Albion.

She was born on June 18, 1917 to Roy & Leta (Trittipo) Olinghouse in Ligonier, IN. On January 21, 1945 in Ligonier she married John Black at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church. He preceded her into heaven March 21, 1994.

Mrs. Black was a 1935 graduate of Topeka High School. She worked for the Ligonier Telephone Company as a telephone operator and was also a church secretary. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, the United Methodist Women, Albion Eastern Star #178 and the Rural Mail Carrier's Auxillary.

Survivors include three children, Judith (Charles) Cox of Elkhart, IN, Elizabeth (John) Firestone of Wawaka, IN, Thomas (Kathi) Black of Minneapolis, MN; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; stepfather, Walter H. Babb; an infant brother, William; and an infant grandson, Adam.

A celebration of life service will be held in Mrs. Black's honor on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Bret Frymier officiating. The service will begin with a ceremony conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter #178. A private family burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion on Friday.

A time of visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church prior to the service on Saturday. Memorial contributions are to the Asbury United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter #178- 7415 W 1200 N 57, Topeka, IN 46571 or Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, PO BOX 02, Albion, IN 46701.

Garman Handshoe, 68

Garman Handshoe, age 68, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Handshoe was born in Garrett, Indiana on January 17, 1943 to the late Crit Handshoe and Maggie (Bradley) Handshoe.

Garman was an over-the-road trucker for Sunrise Express and Overland Transportation.

Survivors include son, Randi Handshoe of Greenville, South Carolina; daughter, Bobbi Handshoe of Bluffton, Indiana; six grandchildren; sisters, Glenna and G.C. Johnson of LaOtto, and Antha and John Bailey of Auburn; special friend, Sandra Winling of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Arnold, Pard, and Garnel Handshoe; and sisters, Ruth Bailey, Julie Conley, Dorothy Conley, Edith Cook and Delphia Miller.

Private burial took place Friday, April 8, 2011. at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Lavenia Bolen, 76

Lavenia Bolen, age 76, of Wolcottville, died on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bolen was born in the Black Beaver Holler, Drift, Kentucky on October 19, 1934 to the late Harry and Sara (Browning) Arnold.

Lavenia worked at Hy-Matic in Kendallville for many years. She also worked at Midwest Molding in Wolcottville before she retired in 1991.

"Veni", as many called her, loved spending her days outside. She enjoyed tending to her garden, canning the produce from it and giving it away to her family and friends. She especially loved her dogs, Bubby and Sissy.

When she was younger, "Veni" loved to squirrel and coon hunt.

Survivors include Lavenia's only son and daughter-in-law, Mackie and Pam Manns, Sr. of Stroh; step-children, Linda and Verlo Bontrager of LaGrange, Jerry and Mara Bolen of Rome City, and Shirley and Oley Smith of Howe; grandchildren, Rickie and Tina Manns of Grayson, Kentucky, Joyce and Jeff Cole of Ligonier, Mindy and Earl DePew of LaGrange, and Mackie Manns, Jr. of Stroh; 11 step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; her friend and companion for many years, Richard Bolen of LaGrange.

Two of her great-grandbabies went to heaven before her. Mackie Manns, III, on January 26, 2010 and Jocelyn Rae Cole, November 15, 2010. She was preceded in death by step-sons, Bill Bolen who died September 29, 2008; and Larry Bolen, Sr. who died November 22, 2009.

Six brothers preceded her in death as well, Raymond, Bun, Mason, Howard, Grant, and Jeff Arnold.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Independent Baptist Church.

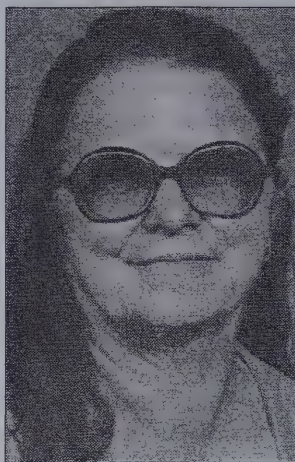
Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Willie Collins and Rev. Oley Smith.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Preferred memorials may be made to family to help with travel expenses for the family.

Casketbearers were Mackie Manns, Jr., Rickie Manns, Jeff Cole, Tim Smith, James Scott and Arthur "Hotrod" Smith. Honorary bearers were Austin Manns and Dakota Manns.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.



ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

April 13, 2011, Wednesday

Albert L. Sebert, 79

Albert L. Sebert, age 79, of Kendallville died on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

He was born in DeKalb County on August 2, 1931 to Peter J. Sebert and Bertha A. (Manrow) Sebert.

Al graduated from Waterloo High School in 1950.

He married Marjorie A. Jones on March 23, 1951 in Auburn and she survives.

Al worked for Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 40 years serving as a supervisor for several years retiring in 1992.

He was an active member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville where he belonged to the Yard Birds Mens Group.

Al served on the Kendallville Fire Department from 1959 to 1981 acting as Assistant Fire Chief from 1972 to 1981. He also served on the Noble County Community Fair Corporation Board for several years serving as the president in 1989, held offices in city and county government over the years and has been a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge #276 since 1961.

He and his wife enjoyed spending the winter months in Mesa, Arizona for the last 18 years. He was very active in local community projects and he enjoyed playing Santa Claus at Christmastime for under-privileged children.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie A. Sebert of Kendallville; two sons, Kim and Jane Sebert of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and Craig and Peggy Sebert of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Erin Sebert, Peter Sebert, Michelle and Scott Olsen, Jennifer Trowbridge, William Thompson and David Thompson; five great-grandchildren, Chace Gamble, Tyler Gamble, Nathan Gamble, Kyle Olsen, and Kaytlin Olsen; two sisters, Naomi and Delbert Myers of Auburn, and Mary Childs of Fort Worth, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Loretta Davis.

Funeral services were Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made in lieu of flowers. Al would prefer that you do something nice for someone or donations to the First Christian Church.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

April 13, 2011, Wednesday

Donna Rae Handshoe, 65

Donna Rae Handshoe, age 65, of Corunna died on Friday, April 8, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Handshoe was born in Ionia, Michigan on February 23, 1946 to the late Forest and Doris (Boyd) Rathburn.

She married Little Andy Handshoe on July 1, 1971 in Waterloo.

Donna was employed with King Seeley from July 19, 1979 until they closed. She then worked at TI Group in Ashley before becoming disabled and not able to work.

Donna was a very outgoing person who was full of life. She loved her family and God. Donna loved to go shopping and to garage sales, but her favorite thing in life was spending time with her grandchildren! Anyone who knew Donna would say how sweet they thought she was and indeed she was sweet, caring, honest and a child of God! Growing up a deaf mute never held her back as she climbed above all the negative and proved you can do anything with God on your side! She was an inspiration to all who met her and she brought joy to all she came in contact with!

Survivors include her husband, Andy Handshoe of Corunna; daughters, Linda Sue and Jerry Krock of Avilla, Julie Ann Leon of Fort Wayne, and Annie Lee and David Lewis of Fort Wayne; son, Garry Little Handshoe and Sue Manhke of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren, Duane and Lacy Days of Auburn, Daniel Leon of Fort Wayne, Frank Days of Kendallville, Cynthia Days of Avilla, Davontae Cornell Lewis of Fort Wayne, and Andre Davontae Lewis of Fort Wayne; 10 great grandchildren; sisters, Darlene Hart of Edgerton, Ohio, and Cindy Smith of Hudson; brothers, John and Pam (Walters) Rathburn of Hudson, and Avery and Peg Rathburn of California; sisters-in-law, Mae Rathburn of Kendallville, and Rosemary Rathburn Briggs of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Steve Rathburn, Dave Rathburn and Mark Rathburn.

Funeral services were Sunday, April 10, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Reverend Willie Collins.

Burial was at Waterloo Cemetery.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.



ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 13, 2011, Wednesday

Ellen Louise Johnston, 91

Ellen Louise Johnston, age 91, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 4:30 a.m. at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

She was born on September 23, 1919 in Jefferson Township, Indiana and was the daughter of Herbert and Gertrude (Fields) Jaquay. She graduated from Albion High School in 1938.

On September 30, 1961 she married Perry "Bus" Johnston at the Asbury United Methodist Church. He died on July 16, 1987.

Mrs. Johnston worked at the Wirk Garment Company and the Plax Engraving Company in Ligonier. She was a member of the North Star Rebekah Lodge from 1943 to the present, and was also a member of the Albion Home Demonstration club. She has been a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion since 1946.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Dearl, Elvia, Eldridge and Walter "Hap" Jaquay; and her only sister, Lucille (Jaquay) Hoffman.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnston were on Friday, April 8, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Bret Frymier officiated.

Burial followed the funeral at River View Cemetery in Churubusco.

Memorials may be directed to the Asbury United Methodist Church Music Department.

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

April 13, 2011, Wednesday

Rory William Smith, 38

Rory William Smith, age 38, of Garrett, died on Thursday, April 7, 2011.

Rory was born in Kendallville, Indiana on October 6, 1972 to Wally H. Smith and Rosemarie Lloyd.

He married Amanda Dawn Armstrong Smith on December 6, 2004.

Rory worked for Allied Exterior in Albion as a roofer.

He loved to go camping and fishing with his kids. Rory also competed in Mixed Martial Arts and he wrote poetry and songs.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda Dawn Smith of Garrett; sons, Drake Landes of Garrett, Kraig Smith of Garrett, and Austin Pfleidner of Garrett; daughter, Rhianna Armstrong of Garrett; mother, Rosemarie Lloyd of Kendallville; brothers, Robert Wilcox of Fort Wayne, Dennis Smith of Kendallville, David Smith of Kendallville, and Rodney Messer of Hindman, Kentucky; sisters, Rosemary Schaeffer of Kendallville, Roberta Garcia of Columbia City, Rowena Hart of Reno, Nevada, Sheila Musser of Wolcottville, and Mary Ridenour.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wally H. Smith, February 2011.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the House of Prayer in Corunna.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Earl Terry and Rev. Phillip Puckett.

Memorials may be made to family.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Shirley Swartz, 73

Shirley Swartz, age 73, of Ligonier, IN passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 11:02 p.m. at Goshen Hospital after an extended battle with cancer.

She was born on July 23, 1937 to Ozro Leon Hutchings & Alma (Petree) Hutchings-Gunter in Noble County. On February 17, 1956 she married Ronald Swartz. He survives.

Mrs. Swartz was a dedicated homemaker and had worked for Wark Garment Factory as well as Monsanto. She was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Swartz of Ligonier; four children, Teresa McLaughlin of Wabash, IN, Tona (Rich) Chupp of Ligonier, Tracy Swartz of Ligonier, Tana Smith of Ligonier; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two siblings, Estella (David) Spradlin of Mason, OH, Steve (Judy) Hutchings of Urbana, OH; and five step-brothers, Ronald, Richard, Rick and Roger DeBolt and Dave Gunter. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-parents; one great-granddaughter; one brother; and two step-brothers.

A funeral service was held in Mrs. Swartz's honor on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at The Crosswalk at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Rd., Ligonier, IN with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265.

Mo-ped crash kills man

BY BOB BRALEY

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KENDALLVILLE — A Kendallville man died Tuesday of injuries he suffered in a mo-ped accident early Sunday.

Francis G. "Butch" Anderson, 54, had slowed to turn his 2009 Honda mo-ped around on C.R. 600E near

U.S. 6 at about 1 a.m. when a gust of wind blew the mo-ped over, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

When the mo-ped rolled onto its side, Anderson struck his head on the pavement, police said.

Anderson telephoned a family member who took him

home, where Anderson's wife realized he needed immediate medical attention.

He was transported to Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne by Noble County EMS.

Anderson died Tuesday at the hospital, according to Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Anderson suffered an incapacitating internal injury to his head, deputies said. An investigation showed he wasn't using safety equipment at the time of the accident.

Damage to the mo-ped was estimated at less than \$1,001.

A complete obituary for Anderson appears on page A4.



Anderson

Francis Anderson Jr.

KENDALLVILLE —

Francis Gerald "Butch" Anderson Jr., age 54, of Kendallville

died on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Anderson



Butch was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on August 8, 1956, to the late Francis Gerald Anderson Sr. and Martha (Morishita) Anderson.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1975 and married Tamara Marie Wilhelm on March 7, 1981, in Kendallville.

Butch had been a conductor for the Norfolk & Southern Railroad before becoming disabled.

Butch loved to ride his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, play poker and pool, listen to Bluegrass music and fly his gyrocopter. He was also a Detroit Tiger fan.

Survivors his wife of 30 years, Tamara (Wilhelm) Anderson of Kendallville; a daughter, Erin Anderson and her fiance, Kevin Dozois, both of Garrett; a granddaughter, Kaia Dozois of Garrett; two brothers, Jerry and Deanna Anderson of Kendallville and William and Tami Anderson of LaOtto; and a sister, Melinda Glass of Kendallville.

Visitation will be Friday, April 15, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Lauri Burnett.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Tom Ebert, Jess Fleck, Jason Anderson, Channing Anderson, Jeremy Anderson and Tyler Anderson.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Send a Condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Francis by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 14, 2011, Thursday

Mildred Bowers

AUBURN — Mildred "Millie" G. Bowers, 91, of Auburn and formerly of New Haven, died Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Bowers retired in 1968 as the owner/operator of Manny's Tavern. She had worked for 17 years at General Electric and went on to retire from the cafeteria at New Haven High School after 17 years.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Rosary Sodality and the Harvest House. She was also a member of the American Legion Post 330 Auxiliary.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late William and Ellanora Fabian.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Grant) Fetters of Madisonville, Tenn., and Diane (Thomas) Ward of Auburn; her grandchildren, Sarah Lang of Germany, Nicholas Childers of Indianapolis, Anne Delagrange of Fort Wayne, and Kate Ward of Auburn; three great-grandchildren; and one niece.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Manfred C. Bowers in 1987.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven, with calling one hour prior. Father James Seculoff will officiate.

Burial is in the church cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Masses.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to www.harperfuneralhome.com.

Donald Pressler

CHURUBUSCO — Donald J. "Tod" Pressler, 81, of Churubusco died Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at his home.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial with military graveside rites will be in Blue River Cemetery.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship, 316 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723 or to the donor's choice.

Catherine Smith

MIDDLEBURY — Catherine P. Smith, 98, of Centerville, Mich., and formerly of Middlebury, died Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Fairview Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Centerville.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St. Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 15, 2011, Friday

Lester Egli

LAGRANGE — Lester G. Egli, 78, of LaGrange, Ind., died at home on Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

In 1958, he moved from Illinois to LaGrange County, where he owned and operated Egli Nursery in Wolcottville, Ind., from 1960-2002.

He was a member of the First Church of God in LaGrange, Gideon's International, and Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International.

Les loved going on mission trips, fishing and hunting. He also loved being a pilot and flying.

He was born on March 19, 1933, in Hopedale, Ill., to John B. and Rosie (Good) Egli. His parents preceded him in death.

On April 14, 1956, he married Helen L. Troyer in LaGrange, Ind. Helen survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Colleen and John Tracy of LaGrange, Marla and Scott Good of Bourbonnais, Ill., Kim and James Anderson of Sarasota, Fla., Dawn DuBois of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Rosita Smith of Nashville, Tenn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Vernon E. and Teresa Egli of Yucaipa, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Ivan Egli of East Peoria, Ill., and Joe Egli of South Pekin, Ill.

Also preceding him in death were four sisters and three brothers.



Mr. Egli

Rachel Imhoff

BUTLER — Rachel M. Imhoff, 95, of Butler died Thursday, April 14, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born January 22, 1916, in Stafford Township in DeKalb County to Homer and Princess (Thomas) Casebere.

She was a homemaker



Mrs. Imhoff

and a member of Auburn Church of Christ in Auburn.

Rachel married Theron J. Imhoff on November 26, 1936 in Butler, IN and he died May 2, 2006.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Roger Imhoff; another son and a daughter in infancy; her sister, Mable Myers; and her brother, Harold Casebere.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Alger Miller of Butler; two sons, Keith Imhoff and Kent Imhoff, both of Menlo Park, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Janet Imhoff of Butler; four grandchildren, Sheri (Shanon) Planck of Butler, Yvonne (Dave) Fee of Leo, Vicki (Steve) Rodkey of Butler, and Todd (Pat) Imhoff of Butler; nine great-grandchildren, Jenni Poole of Butler, Tom (Jenell) Makin of Leo, Kyle (Dakota) Makin of Butler, Rachel Fee of Leo, Jeremy Fee of Leo, Ben Rodkey of Butler, Allison Rodkey of Butler, TJ Imhoff of Butler; and Jon Imhoff of Butler; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 18, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Joe Heins and Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be directed to Filling Station Youth Center, 315 S. Federal St., Butler, IN 46721 or Butler United Methodist Church, West Green Street, Butler, IN 46721 or Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. 18th St., Auburn, IN 46706.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Paul Mowery officiating.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011, at 9 a.m. at Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana, Ind., with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol and the Rev. Madonna Snyder officiating.

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 17, 2011, from 2-6 p.m. at the First Church of God in LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to Youth for Christ or Gideon's International.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mattie Wickey

BERNE — Mattie Wickey, 97, of Berne died Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at Decedent's Residence in Berne.

Interment will be at Schwartz Cemetery in Monroe.

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George Corkwell

ELLENTON, Fla. — George R. Corkwell, 91, of Ellenton, Florida, and also of Albion, Indiana, died Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida.

Mr. Corkwell was a die setter for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 18 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army serving as staff sergeant in the 38th Division, receiving three Purple Hearts.

He was a member of the Big Lake Church of God in Columbia City.

He was a member and past commander of the Disabled American Veterans Association of Bradenton, Fla. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1906 of Columbia City, American Legion Post 98 of Columbia City, Veterans of Foreign Wars #5582 of Columbia City, and the National Order of Trench #572 of Palmetto, Florida.

He was born July 2, 1919, in Continental, Ohio; to Edwin S. and Olive Opal (Troyer) Corkwell.

He married Juanita I. Voges on Feb. 18, 1950, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randall L. and Lesa Corkwell of Valparaiso; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay Lynn and Jim Smith of Bradenton, Florida; two grandchildren, Shannon Lee and Lance Corkwell; and five great-grandchildren, Deakon Lee, Reese Corkwell, Logan Corkwell, Lilly Corkwell, and Maverick Corkwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Glen P. Corkwell and Donald D. Corkwell; and two sisters, Mary Catherine McCabe and Barbara Ann Fremion.

Bonnie Bloomer

WOLCOTTVILLE —

Bonnie Combs Bloomer, 79, of Wolcottville died

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at her residence.

Mrs. Bloomer moved to this area in 1964 from Knott County, Ky.

She retired from Coachmen Industries in Middlebury after 20 years of service.

Mrs. Bloomer was a member of the New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

She was born March 8, 1932, in Knott County, Ky., to Wade and Mary Ellen (Wooten) Ritchie. She married Thornton Combs, and he preceded her in death. She was also married to Charles Bloomer, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are nine daughters, Janice (James) Ramey of Stroh, Sue (James)



Mrs. Bloomer

Messer of Rome City, Elmira (Darrell) Shepherd of Wolcottville, Fay (Rev. Larry) Anglemyer of Wolcottville, Shelby (Dennis) VanHoozer of Kendallville, Nannie (Brent) Eminger of Kendallville, Retha (Austin) Godsey of Stroh, Linda (William) Conley of Wolcottville, and April Combs of Wolcottville; a daughter-in-law, Sue Combs of Stroh; 24 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Inez Conley of Kendallville and Rosie Shepherd of Knott County, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Astor Combs; one brother; three sisters; and several great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in New Freedom Baptist Church, 300 Sycamore St, LaGrange, with Pastor Wade Sturdivant, Pastor Terry Hinds, and Pastor David Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Friday at the church, where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute after Friday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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George McFarland

KENDALLVILLE — George Thomas McFarland Jr., age 83, of Kendallville passed away Friday, April 15, 2011, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

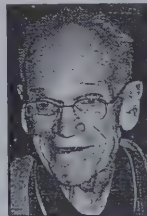
He was born March 24, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio, to George T. McFarland Sr. and Margaret (Curran) McFarland.

He graduated from Macomber High School in Toledo in 1945. He joined the U.S. Army on January 1, 1945, and served as a duck boat driver with the 460th Transportation Corps Amphibian Truck Company through the end of WW II. He was discharged at Ft. Eustis, Va., May 1, 1947.

He married Nina R. Turner on March 1, 1957, in Angola, Indiana. She preceded him death on January 3, 1993.

Mr. McFarland was employed with the U.S. Postal Service where he worked in the Motor Vehicle Service Section. He retired in 1989 after 35 years of service. He was awarded a gold plaque membership in the One Million Mile Club for having no accidents during his employment.

George drove stock cars in his younger years and still enjoyed watching NASCAR. He enjoyed reading and loved having his grandchildren and great-grandchildren visit his Walden Woods lakeside campsite in Steuben County.



**Mr.
McFarland**

Surviving are a son, Mark T. McFarland of Toledo, Ohio; his stepchildren, Carol (Keith) Hart of Kendallville, Ind., Patrick (Linda) Barrett of Charlotte, N.C., and Colleen Barrett of Holly Springs, Miss.; his stepgrandchildren, Kevin (Shaun) Hart of Clear Lake, Ind., Craig (Janet) Hart of Wolcottville, Ind., Bruce Hart of Kendallville, Ind., Jon Barrett of Gastonia, N.C., Kelly (Andy) Hooper of Charlotte, N.C., and Brooke Bodie of Glendale, Calif.; his stepgreat-grandchildren, Alex Hart and Kaylie Hart, Wolcottville, Ind., David Hart and Hannah Hart, Kendallville, Ind., Jared Sirk, Jacob Sirk, and Reagan Hart, of Clear Lake, Ind., Kasey Barrett and Jillian Barrett of Gastonia, N.C., and Landen Brooks and Ansley Brooks, Charlotte, N.C.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his half brother, Mel Shanklin; his brother, Richard McFarland; and his sisters, Catherine McFarland and Mary Blair.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 16, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Highland Memory Gardens

in Waterville, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday, April 15, 2011, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute after Sudnay or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Rosemary Eberly

FREMONT — Rosemary Jane Eberly, 88, of Fremont and formerly of Waterloo, Ind., died Friday, April 15, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Eberly had retired from Essex in Auburn, Ind. She graduated from Leo High School.



Mrs. Eberly

Mrs. Eberly enjoyed sewing, embroidery, crocheting and doing crafts.

She was born June 17, 1922, in Ohio to James Boyd and Cora Marie (Mercer) Robinson. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Carol Stronczek of Fort Wayne, Ind., Barbara and Ken Guzzardo of Medford, N.Y., and Nancy and Bob Dean of Angola, Ind.; two sons, Randy and RoyaAnn Sheets of Bronson, Mich., and Don and Vicki Sheets of Angola; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by six sisters, five brothers, and one great-grandson, Matthew Robert Fugate.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont, Ind.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Everett Baker

KIMMELL — Everett P. Baker, 92, of Kimmell died Friday, April 15, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Donald Faulkner

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald E. Faulkner, 82, of Wolcottville died Friday in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

'The show must go on'

Joe Taylor and his Red Birds made music for 50 years

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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AVILLA — Joseph "Joe" Taylor, "The Cowboy Auctioneer," was a country music legend not only in northeast Indiana but also in the world of country music.

His children and grandchildren said he could have had a chance at the big time, but because of his love and devotion to his family, he chose to stay in the area. He had said, "I'd rather be a big fish in a little pond. All that matters is making folks happy when they hear me sing my songs."

And he made thousands of people happy over the years.

Taylor, 89, died March 24, 2011, in his Avilla home. That's when his longtime bandmate and caregiver Patty Corbat began to sing at his bedside, "You Are My Sunshine."

Corbat gets emotional when she talks about Joe.

"I loved the guy with all my heart, and now there is a hole in it that I don't think will ever heal. Our longtime partnership is no more," she said.

Corbat (stage name Corbett) first sang with Joe Taylor and his band, the Indiana Red Birds, 62 years ago when she was 15 years old.

Born May 11, 1921, in Portsmouth, Ohio, Taylor moved with his parents to Fort Wayne at age 15 and met Pauline Corbat at Arcola High School. They married Nov. 20, 1941, and she preceded him in death in February 2007.

He worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 40 years, retiring in 1981.

Joe and Pauline Taylor raised two children, Dan and Paula Jo, who were on stage with him as toddlers and went on to follow their father in the music business.

"Dad was definitely the inspiration for my love and pursuit of music," said Paula Jo Taylor, who was performing in Las Vegas with her daughter, Amanda, along with country recording artist Gretchen Wilson when she learned of her father's failing health.

"Dad had a sneaky and cute way of offering me constructive criticism when I was growing up," she said.

"He would tell me if I learned to play a particular song (always a very challenging one), he would buy me an amp, a new guitar or something of musical value I wanted."

His daughter quickly learned how to get out of doing chores by practicing her guitar.

"Dad would say to my mom or aunt Patty (Corbat), 'Leave her alone. She's rehearsing,'" she said.

Joe Taylor started his performing career as a solo artist in the mid-1940s. He did a 15-minute morning live broadcast weekdays over WFTW radio. In 1948, he formed the Indiana Red Birds band. His first big hit song, "The Cowboy Auctioneer," was inspired after he graduated from the Reppert School of Auctioneering. It was the first song to use an auctioneer's chant. The late cowboy star Tex Ritter recorded it on Capital Records in 1950.

Taylor and his band broadcast live Saturday morning programs over WOWO and WGL, and from 1953-1969 the Red Birds opened shows at Buck Lake Ranch near Angola for superstars including Gene Autry, Johnny Cash, Buddy Holly, Minnie Pearl, Dolly Parton, George Jones and the Lennon Sisters.

His sister-in-law, Patty Corbat, was always by his side.

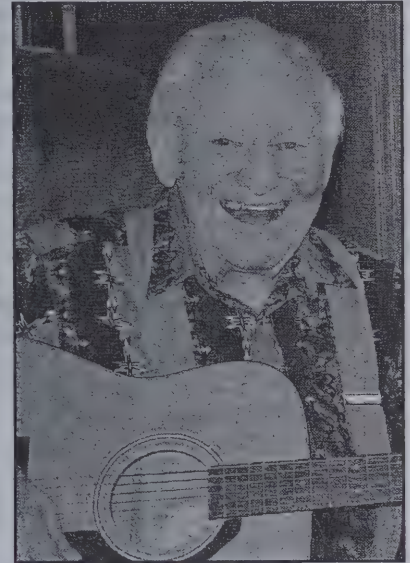


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Joe Taylor and his guitar

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"At first I just sang," she recalled. "Then I got bored only doing that, so I got into calling square dances with the group, something I did until we retired the band." Taylor and Corbat wrote and recorded more than 50 tunes for seven different labels.

They retired the band in 1998 and preserved the memories in a book they wrote titled "50 Years Together: The Red Birds Remember."

In 1988, Taylor was honored with a plaque from Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame for his achievements and commitment to country music. He was one of only seven Hoosiers among 1,200 country music entertainers included in a 1995 book sold internationally titled "Definitive Country: The Ultimate Encyclopedia of Country Music and Its Great Performers." In 1997 he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, and in 1999 the Indiana Legislature presented him with a resolution thanking him and his band for the entertainment they brought to audiences.

"I remember how, after a long day of working at the factory, dad would battle the worst of snow, rain or storms to make it to the local Legion, Moose or Eagles to sing for all his friends," said his daughter. "His dedication is what instilled in me the tenacity to make sure that the show must go on no matter what."

Two weeks before he passed away, Paula Jo and her daughter Amanda visited Joe Taylor at Lutheran Hospital. Amanda told her grandfather they wanted to stay with him and they would cancel their Las Vegas commitment. That's when her grandfather slightly opened one eye and blurted out, "H--- no. You go to Vegas and sing for me." Joe smiled and laughed with his daughter and granddaughter. Then he said, "I think somebody slipped me a mickey." Those were the last words he said to his daughter and granddaughter.

Joe Taylor and the Red Birds live on on their recordings and books. To hear excerpts of their music go online to Joe Taylor's Red Birds: Songs at Hometown Sounds at hometown-sounds.com/artists/country/jt01.htm

Donald Faulkner

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald E. Faulkner, 82, of Wolcottville died Friday, April 15, 2011, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mr. Faulkner was a member of IBEW Local Union 305 in Fort Wayne. He retired as an electrician journeyman, working in construction.

He was born Aug. 1, 1928, in Wawaka to Lester F. and Alma (Dukes) Faulkner.

On Nov. 3, 1946, in Wawaka he married Marie Lou Krotzer. She preceded him in death on Sept. 22, 2010.

Surviving are three daughters, Brenda R. (Lesley) McLain of Auburn, Sandra K. Quinn of Ligonier, and Sue Ellen Faulkner of Wolcottville; a son, Daniel E. (Marilyn) Faulkner of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roy Lewis Faulkner; and a sister, Bette Stringfellow.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Arlene Upp

BUTLER — Arlene J. Upp, 84, died Saturday at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born on December 3, 1926 in Hamilton to Virgil and Ruth (Schrider) Robinett. Arlene was a graduate of Hamilton High School and worked at Maxton Motors in Butler as a parts clerk.

She married Keith H. Upp on September 3, 1948 in Hamilton, he preceded in death on October 19, 1997.

Arlene was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.



Mrs. Upp

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas and Maggie Upp of Butler and Steven Upp of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Robert Jennings of Leo and Deborah and Eric Johnson of Butler; seven grandchildren: Julie Lengacher, Jennifer Hood, Justin Upp, Chandra Steury, Jared Johnson, Zach Johnson, and Alex Upp; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Larry Robinett of Michigan City; and two sisters, Lorinne James of Auburn and Loene McNew of Michigan City. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Julia, and a step mother Myrtle Robinett.

Funeral services for Arlene Upp will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2-7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler and one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

James Bergstrom

LAGRANGE — James W. Bergstrom, 84, died Thursday, April 14, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

James was born Aug. 5, 1926, in Detroit, Mich., to the late W. Paul and Linnie (Makinen) Bergstrom. He was a Navy veteran serving during World War II.

James married Noretta S. (Richert) on Aug. 22, 1981, in Rochester, Mich.

He was a retired electrical engineer for GM in Milford, Mich. Jim was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, he did volunteer work for the LaGrange County Community Foundation and was a member of the N.E. Indiana Woodworkers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Noretta; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark S. Bergstrom of East Pointe, Mich. and the Rev. Anthony E. (Heather) Appel of North Olmsted, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Gale L. Rennie of Shelby Township, Mich., and Lynn E. (Bruce) Stegmann of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Glen B. Bergstrom, and a brother, Dan H. Bergstrom.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 Williams St., Angola, with Pastor Angela Shannon officiating. There will be calling one hour prior to the services.

Visitation will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Calvary Lutheran Church. To leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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George McFarland

KENDALLVILLE — George Thomas McFarland, Jr., age 83, of Kendallville passed away Friday, April 15, 2011, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.



Mr. McFarland

He was born March 24, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio, to George T. McFarland, Sr. and Margaret (Curran) McFarland. He graduated from Macomber High School in Toledo in 1945. He joined the U.S. Army January 1, 1945 and served as a duck boat driver with the 460th Transportation Corps Amphibian Truck Company through the end of WW II. He was discharged at Ft. Eustis, VA, May 1, 1947.

He married Nina R. Turner on March 1, 1957, in Angola, Indiana. She preceded him death on January 3, 1993.

Mr. McFarland was employed with the U.S. Postal Service where he worked in the Motor Vehicle Service Section. He retired in 1989 after 35 years of service. He was awarded a gold plaque membership in the One Million Mile Club for having no accidents during his employment.

George drove stock cars in his younger years and still enjoyed watching NASCAR. He enjoyed reading and

loved having his grandchildren and great-grandchildren visit his Walden Woods lakeside campsite in Steuben County.

Surviving are a son, Mark T. McFarland of Toledo, OH; stepchildren, Carol (Keith) Hart of Kendallville, IN, Patrick (Linda) Barrett of Charlotte, NC, and Colleen Barrett of Holly Springs, MS; step grandchildren, Kevin (Shaun) Hart of Clear Lake, IN, Craig (Janet) Hart of Wolcottville, IN, Bruce Hart of Kendallville, IN, Jon Barrett of Gastonia, NC, Kelly (Andy) Hooper of Charlotte, NC, and Brooke Bodie of Glendale, CA; step great-grandchildren, Alex Hart, Kaylie Hart, Wolcottville, IN, David Hart, Hannah Hart, Kendallville, IN, Jared Sirk, Jacob Sirk, and Reagan Hart, Clear Lake, IN, Kasey Barrett, Jillian Barrett, Gastonia, NC, and Landen Brooks, Ansley Brooks, Charlotte, NC.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, half brother, Mel Shanklin; brother, Richard McFarland; and sisters, Catherine McFarland and Mary Blair.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Highland Memory Gardens in Waterville, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday, April

17, 2011, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Everett Baker

KIMMELL — Everett P. Baker, age 95, of Kimmell passed away Friday April 15, 2011 at Millers Merry Manor in Syracuse. He was born on October 24, 1915 to U.S. & Mary (Stephenson) Baker. In May of 1939 he married Lucille Beezley, she passed away June 27, 2003.



Mr. Baker

Everett was a well known area farmer and farmed well into his nineties. He was also a member of Broadway Christian Church for over 70 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Diana (Danny) Brown, and Judith (Ronald) Wentworth; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings.

A funeral service in Mr. Baker's honor will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with J. D. Woods officiating. Burial will take place at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pall bearers are Dick Adair, Alan Beers, Larry Wilkinson, Chuck Werker, Dana Brown, and Joshua Wentworth. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Broadway Christian Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

William Hutson

MUNCIE — William Lester Hutson, 91, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2011, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Bill was born on November 3, 1919, in Richmond, Ind., to the late Lester Pete and Bessie (Mains) Hutson. Bill married his love Edith Naomi "Pat" Heaton on February 5, 1939, in Kentucky.

Bill was employed with Ball Brothers for four years. He then joined Borg Warner working on the assembly line for 32 years, retiring at the age of 55.

Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, nature, flowers, and tending to the yard at his lake cottage. Bill was a Mason.

He was always willing to lend a hand to others and never knew a stranger. Bill also loved to spend time with his children, grandchildren, and friends.



Mr. Hutson

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 72 years Pat; their children: Sandy Vickrey (husband, John) of Fort Wayne; Randy Hutson (wife, Bonnie) of Springport; Cathie Stanley of Fremont; and William Hutson of Muncie; his brother Jack Hutson (wife, Fannie) of Wheeling; two sisters: Irene Harris of Fremont and Pat Kissick of New Castle; seven grandsons; two stepgranddaughters; 11 great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; three sisters; and a stepgrandson.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. State Rd. 3, Muncie.

The funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Mark O'Brien officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice, 2401 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN 47303 and/or Mt. Summit Christian Church, P.O. Box 310, Mt. Summit, IN 47361. I

If you would like to sign the online guest book, send condolences to the family, and/or watch Bill's video tribute you may do so by visiting www.gardenviewandgardensofmemory.com.

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Kathlyn Bak

KENDALLVILLE —
Kathlyn D. Bak, 93, of
Kendallville, formerly of



Fort Wayne,
passed away
Friday, April
15, 2011, at
Lutheran
Life
Villages,
Kendallville.

Mrs. Bak
was born
Aug. 31,

1917, in Kendallville to the
late Hyrom and Lura
(Wentworth) Eminger. She
retired in 1979 after 35
years at General Electric.

Mrs. Bak was a member
of Avalon Missionary
Church. She was interested
in and enjoyed genealogy
and sewing, but most of all,
she enjoyed studying the
Bible.

Surviving are her
children, Lawrence W.
(Pam) Bak of Auburn,
Steven E. (Connie) Bak of
Butler, and Shirley (Morris)
Troyer of Middlebury; sister,
Shirley Musselman of
Kendallville; brother Robert
(Doris) Eminger of Fort
Wayne; eight grandchildren,
Emily Butts, Geoff Evans,
Randy Evans, Matthew Bak,
Evan Troyer, Brian Troyer,
Aaron Troyer, and Rachel
Mitchell; and eight great-
grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in
addition to her parents, was
her husband, Edward Bak
who passed away in 1992,
and her brother, Gerald
"Buck" (Maxine) Eminger.

Funeral services will be
Wednesday, April 20, 2011,
at 11 a.m. at Elzey-
Patterson-Rodak Home for
Funerals, 6810 Old Trail
Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46809
with visitation one hour
prior. Visitation will also be
on Tuesday, April 19, 2011,
from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral
home. Burial will be in
Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may
be made to Avalon
Missionary Church.

To leave online
condolences, please visit
www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com

Wilma Hill

FORT WAYNE — Wilma
R. (Godwin) Hill, age 79, of
Fort Wayne, died at 9:35
a.m. Saturday, April 16,
2011 at Parkview Hospital,
Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 5,
1931 in Catawba, W. Va., to
Simon Virgil and Hazel
Agnes (Bryan) Godwin, and
they
preceded her
in death.



Mrs. Hill
Appliance in
Fort Wayne,

and most recently was a
clerk for AAA Auctions in
New Haven, and at Walmart.

She was of the Baptist
faith.

Wilma is survived by two
sons: Darryl Hill, Fort
Wayne, and Brian
Chittenden, Hicksville,
Ohio. She is also survived
by a sister, Sandy Stryker of
Auburn; and her grandchil-
dren, Kevin (Elizabeth)
Chittenden of Wauseon,
Ohio, Kate Chittenden of
Hicksville, Ohio; Clayton
Hill of Fort Wayne, and
Jennifer Hoot of New
Haven; and a great-
grandson, Brody Chittenden,
Wauseon, Ohio.

Visitation will be held
from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday,
April 19, and from 9-10
a.m. Wednesday, April 20, at
Thomas Funeral Home,
Garrett.

Services will be held at
10 a.m. Wednesday at the
funeral home.

Burial will follow in
Christian Union Cemetery
of Garrett.

Memorials are to Cancer
Services of Allen County.

You may send a
condolence or sign the on-
line register book by visiting
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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 19, 2011, Tuesday

Scott Hook

BUTLER — Scott S. Hook, 91, of Butler died peacefully at his home on Sunday, April 17, 2011.

He was born on February 8, 1920, in rural Butler to Guy and Jennie (Scott) Hook.

He was a lifelong farmer in the area and loved to ride his cycle, fly planes, and run his bulldozer.

In his later years he enjoyed watching his son, Jerry, take over the farming operation.

He was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and the Aircraft and Pilots Association.

Scott married Thelma Oplinger on February 8, 1949, in Fort Wayne. She preceded in death on June 19, 1963.

Survivors include two sons, Larry and Julie Hook of Butler and Jerry Hook and Colleen Kaiser of Butler; two daughters, Joyce and Dale Miller of Butler and Jackie and Stan Miller of New Lenox, Illinois; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ginger Jelff of Villa Park, Illinois.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be directed to www.hejohnsonfh.com.



Mr. Hook

Betty Robbins

AUBURN — Betty J. Robbins, 90, of Auburn, died Sunday, April 17, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 2, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Elmer and Audrey Moss.

Mrs. Robbins was a member of Auburn Church of Christ and had worked at Kresge Department Store for 13 years.

Surviving are two sons, James (Beverly) Robbins of Lake Gage, Angola, and Larry (Ami) Robbins of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sharon (Wilber) Lewis of Garrett; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; six sisters; and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald J. Robbins Sr.; a son, Gerald J. Robbins Jr.; a daughter, Phyllis Sharp; two sisters; and two brothers.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the funeral Thursday.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Auburn Church of Christ.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.



Mrs. Robbins

Michael Monaghan

FREMONT — Michael J. Monaghan, 73, of Fremont and formerly of Chicago died

Monday, April 18, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.



Mr. Monaghan

Mr. Monaghan had retired as a police officer for the city of Chicago. He retired as a detective in 1988 after 27 years of service.

He had also formerly owned the Orland Sundry and Gifts drug store from 1977 to 1978.

Mr. Monaghan spent summers in Steuben County while living in Chicago for many years before moving to the area in 1988.

He was a graduate of Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., and a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

He was born Oct. 29, 1937, in Chicago to Michael and Ellen (Brogan) Monaghan. He married Helen R. Rowan on Jan. 5, 1963, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Chicago. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two sisters, Rita Ronayne of Round Lake Beach, Ill., and Eileen and John O'Connor of Lake Forrest, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Nancy Martin, Sally Birkenmeyer and her husband, Thomas Birkenmeyer, and Mary Hegarty and her husband James Hegarty; and one brother, Martin Monaghan.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with a rosary service at 6:45 p.m.

Funeral Mass and burial in All Saints Cemetery will be in Des Plaines, Ill.

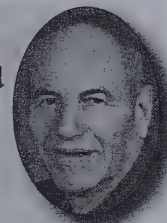
Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

In loving memory of

Floyd "Doc" Johnson

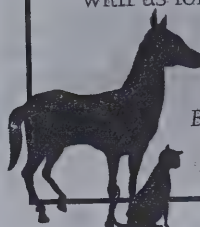
March 1, 1934-April 18, 2010

Gone yet not forgotten, although we are apart, your spirit lives with us forever in our hearts.



We love you and miss you!

Mary Ellen, Julie Ann, Joe, Emma, Sarah, Andy, Butch, Angie, Blake, Dane, Brittney, Ryan, Jake, Harper, Kaine



Mildred Yoder

TOPEKA — Mildred Yoder, 81, of Topeka died Monday, April 18, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Larry Hostetler residence, 5905 S. S.R. 5, Topeka.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, also at the Larry Hostetler residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Bradley Scott

ALBION — Bradley E. Scott, 55, of Rossville, Ind., and formerly of Albion died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 13, 2011, in Rossville.

Funeral services were Monday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312

Mary Skinner

ALBION — Mary Catherine Skinner, 86, of Albion died Sunday, April 17, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home, Albion.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Country-side Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorial are to the American Cancer Society.

Charles Smith

LAGRANGE — Charles M. Smith, 54, of Fort Wayne died at South Milford.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Dorothy Skinner

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy K. Skinner of Kendallville died Monday, April 18, 2011, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Skinner had moved to the area from Portland 44 years ago.

She was a telephone operator and a proofreader for the Portland newspaper.

Mrs. Skinner was a graduate of Portland High School.

She was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Ridgeville to Claude and Margaret (Hendrickson) Lemaux. She married Jack Skinner Oct. 1, 1966, in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Robert (Betty) Garner of Berne; a stepson, Donald (Melody) Skinner of Kendallville; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Frank Lemaux; and a sister, Berenice Lemaux.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.



Mrs. Skinner

Inez Conley

KENDALLVILLE — Inez Conley, 87, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at her home in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., in Kendallville.

Visitation will also be held Friday, April 22, at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Ky.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hindman Funeral Services.

Complete obituary information will appear in Thursday's edition.

Michael Campbell

FORT WAYNE — Michael Scott "Mike" Campbell, 47, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Friday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor James Haugen, officiating.

Funeral services will be held at noon Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Mildred Yoder

TOPEKA — Mildred (Brenneman) Stutzman Yoder, 81, of Topeka died Monday, April 18, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born on March 1, 1930, in LaGrange County to George J. and Savilla (Lengacher) Brenneman. She married Roman Stutzman on Jan. 14, 1954. He died Dec. 6, 1990. She then married Cornelius Yoder on Aug. 1, 1993, he died Oct. 3, 2000.

Surviving are a niece, Shirley and Calvin Bontrager of Dowagiac, Mich.; a nephew, Bob and Rachel Brenneman of Goshe; two stepsons and their wives, Elva and Ruby Yoder and Perry and Velma Yoder, all of Topeka; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Amelia and William Eash of Topeka and Elsie and Eli Stutzman of Goshen; 21 stepgrandchildren, and 58 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a stepson, Daniel Yoder; and two brothers, Floyd and John Brenneman.

Visitation will be all day today at the Larry Hostetler residence, 5905 S. S.R. 5, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Larry Hostetler residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop Wayne Miller and home ministers.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Skinner

ALBION — Mary Catherine Skinner, 86, of Albion died Sunday, April 17, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home, Albion.

Mrs. Skinner had resided in Noble and Whitley counties and was a homemaker. She had also worked at Blue Bell for a short period of time.

She was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Skinner was a member of the Ormas Baptist Church where she served as a Bible school teacher, attended the ladies missionary circle and sang as a choir member.

She was born Nov. 6, 1924, in Columbia City to Robert Franklin and Tacy Bernice (Hill) Baker. She married Bernard G. Skinner on June 29, 1947, in Columbia City. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter

and son-in-law, Barb E. "Bobbi" and Les Keener of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Terri Skinner of Albion; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Gaylord of Cromwell and Ellen and Robert Kellogg of Greensboro, N.C.; and a sister-in-law, Joann Baker of Columbia City.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Genna Skinner; two brothers, Gene and Paul "Bud" Baker; a sister, Lois Johnson; and a grandson, Shane Keener.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Send online condolences or sign the guest register book at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Sharon Garber

GOSHEN — Sharon Sue Garber, 58, of Goshen died Monday, April 18, 2011.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at New Paris Church of the Nazarene.

A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the church.

A private family committal will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Matthew Paul Miller, 22

Matthew Paul Miller, age 22, of Ashley died on April 11, 2011 in Kendallville.

Matthew was born in Auburn on July 30, 1988 to Paul R. Miller and Freda Ann (Sensing) Neuman.

He married Jessica Kelley on April 9, 2009 in Kendallville.

Matthew attended from time to time The True Church of God in Jesus' Name in Lisbon.

Matthew loved to fish, enjoyed UFC boxing, video games and watching television. He was an avid movie buff who knew a lot of movie trivia.

Survivors include his father, Paul R. Miller of Hudson; his mother, Freda Ann and Victor Neuman of Kendallville; his wife, Jessica Miller of Ashley; sister, Brandy Miller and Tyler Morehouse of Angola; step-sister, Chelsea Jones of Kendallville; step-brother, Dustin Neuman of Butler; step-sister, Victoria Snow of Butler; half-sisters, Amber Miller of Fort Wayne, Holly Carroll of Bryan, Ohio, and Stephanie Homister of Fort Wayne; paternal grandmother, Joan Miller of Hudson; maternal grandparents, Faye and Worley Gibson of Kendallville; mother and father-in-law, Jeanne and Bill Kelley of Hudson; brothers-in-law, Dylan and Austin Kelley of Hudson; many nieces; nephews; aunts; and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his cousin and best friend, Ryan Hart; grandfather, Paul Miller, Sr.; great-grandparents, Carl and Margaret Fannin; and his grandmother-in-law, Patricia Shaw.

Funeral services were Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Abe Prater.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Association, 6931 Arlington Road, 2nd floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Betty Jo Van Hoozer, 67

Betty Jo Van Hoozer, age 67, of Wolcottville, died on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at her home in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Van Hoozer was born in Garrett, Kentucky on March 7, 1944 to the late Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins.

Betty was a homemaker. She also worked, in the past, at Ball Brass Foundry in Auburn and Mid West Molding in Wolcottville.

She was a member of the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.

Betty loved the outdoors. She enjoyed fishing and camping at Indian Springs Campground near Wolcottville.

She also loved to go to yard sales, spend quality time with her grandchildren and crocheting.

Survivors include daughters, Sheila and Chad Hoover of Kendallville, Diana Kirkpatrick and Danny Ramey of Wolcottville, Shirley Jean Van Hoozer of Rome City; sons, Kelly and Geraldine Newsome of Wolcottville, Larry and Kimberly Handshoe of Rome City, Ricky and Kristan Handshoe of Pikeville, Kentucky; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brothers, Ray Collins of Albion, Roy and Bonnie Collins of Kendallville, and Dave VanHoozer of Wolcottville; sisters, Mary Jo Bolen of LaGrange, Annie Kessler of Wabash, and Helen and Jack Criswell of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Geraldine Collins, Irene Belcher, Nannie McPhearson, and Josephine Bailey; and her brother, Sonny Collins.

Funeral services were Friday, April 15, 2011 at Independent Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Charles Mosley and Pastor Larry Anglemeyer.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Casketbearers were Timothy Newsome, Jeremy Handshoe, Chad Handshoe, Dillon Kirkpatrick, Dickie Kirkpatrick and Tom Collins.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.



ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 20, 2011, Wednesday

Donald J. Pressler, 81

Donald J. "Tod" Pressler, 81, a resident of Churubusco, passed away unexpectedly at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at the family residence from the results of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Pressler was born on July 8, 1929 in Thorncreek Township in Whitley County, a son of Riley and Lola (Gause) Pressler. He spent his formative years on the family farm north of Collins, and served with the U.S. Army during World War II. A year after completing his military duty he was married on July 16, 1949 in Merriam to Dorcas Pippenger, and had lived in the Churubusco area all of his adult life.

He was employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for over 30 years. He retired from there in 1981. He was a member of the Churubusco VFW Turtle Post 3846.

During his retirement years, he and his wife enjoyed wintering for several years in Ruskin, Florida. In his leisure time he enjoyed reading, fishing, watching television, and most especially loved and cherished his family.

The surviving relatives include his wife Dorcas to whom he was married for over 61 years; a daughter, Diana (Bill Swinehart) Liechty of Churubusco; his sister, Mary Jane Pressler of Columbia City; three grandchildren, David (Janelle) Liechty of Auburn, Lori (Jacob) Black of Fort Wayne, and Kristina (Greg) Zelt of Leo; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Tod Pressler, on April 30, 1977; and by three brothers, Alan Pressler, Mike Pressler, and Gene Pressler.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 17, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Robert C. Siegrist, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating.

Interment with military graveside rites was held in the Blue River Cemetery, Whitley County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Believer's Bible Fellowship, 316 N. Main Street, Churubusco, IN 46723, or to the donor's choice.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Pressler's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Kenneth Allen Burkeen, 63

Kenneth Allen Burkeen, age 63, died suddenly on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at his home in Albion.

He was born in Finger, Tennessee on December 12, 1947 and was the son of Millard and Ruth (Gaff) Burkeen, both deceased. He moved to Albion nine years ago from Chicago.

Mr. Burkeen was a self employed contractor in the Chicago area. He was known as an "explorer" and loved gardening, walking and biking. He was always willing to help out his neighbors and never told anyone no, and was known for telling good stories.

Surviving are his soul-mate of almost 34 years, Linda (Strope) Kelly of Albion; three children, Anna Carrilo of Chicago, Thomas Kelly of Texas, and Rebecca Kelly of Chicago; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his mother-in-law, Marion Campbell, of Kendallville; four brothers, Jimmy, Billy,

Ralph and Carroll Burkeen; and a sister, Shelby Kelly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Nellie Brown.

Private services were held, and cremation took place after.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Everett P. Baker, 95

Everett P. Baker, age 95, of Kimmell passed away Friday April 15, 2011 at Millers Merry Manor in Syracuse. He was born on October 24, 1915 to U.S. and Mary (Stephenson) Baker. In May of 1939 he married Lucille Beezley. She passed away June 27, 2003.

Everett was a well-known area farmer and farmed well into his nineties. He was also a member of Broadway Christian Church for over 70 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Diana (Danny) Brown, and Judith (Ronald) Wentworth; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and six siblings.

A funeral service in Mr. Baker's honor was held on Monday April 18, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with J. D. Woods officiating.

Burial took place at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pall bearers were Dick Adair, Alan Beers, Larry Wilkinson, Chuck Werker, Dana Brown, and Joshua Wentworth.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Broadway Christian Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.



ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

April 20, 2011, Wednesday

Francis Gerald Anderson, 54

Francis "Butch" Gerald Anderson, Jr., age 54, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Butch was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on August 8, 1956 to the late Francis Gerald Anderson, Sr. and Martha (Morishta) Anderson.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1975 and married Tamara Marie Wilhelm on March 7, 1981 in Kendallville.

Butch had been a conductor for Norfolk & Southern Railroad before becoming disabled.

Butch loved to ride his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, play poker and pool, listen to Bluegrass music and fly his Gyrocopter. He was also a Detroit Tiger fan.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Tamara (Wilhelm) Anderson of Kendallville, daughter, Erin Anderson and her fiancé, Kevin Dozois both of Garrett; granddaughter, Kaiya Dozois of Garrett; brother, Jerry and Deanna Anderson of Kendallville, William and Tami Anderson of LaOtto; sister, Melinda Glass of Kendallville.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Lauri Burnett.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Casketbearers were Tom Ebert, Jess Fleck, Jason Anderson, Channing Anderson, Jeremy Anderson and Tyler Anderson.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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Marilyn Rudolph

WATERLOO — Marilyn "Joann" Rudolph, 79 of Waterloo died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at her home.

She was born December 27, 1931, in DeKalb County to Frank S. and Elva (Blomeke) Miller.



Mrs. Rudolph

She was a bookkeeper for 28 years for DeKalb Financial Credit Union, retiring in 2009.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club and Harvest House.

Joann married Forrest A. "Sport" Rudolph on Nov. 10, 1953, in Waterloo and he died June 8, 2006.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rosann and Mike Darnall of Waterloo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard A. and Cheryl Rudolph of Waterloo and Roger L. and Kim Rudolph of Greencastle; four grandchildren, Bradley M. (Dawn) Rudolph, Jessica A. Seigel, Matthew A. Rudolph and Kristin M. Rudolph; four great-grandchildren, Michaela Rudolph, Cameron Rudolph, Ashlyn Seigel and Abigail Seigel; and three sisters-in-law, Margaret Miller of Waterloo, Betty Sebert of Butler and Judy Rudolph of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Thomas A. Rudolph; four sisters, Kathryn Walker, Dorothy Hoffelder, Irene Ruppert and Ursilla Smith; and a brother, Anthony "Pete" Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2011, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. A rosary will be recited at 6:45 p.m. Friday night at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Masses to the church or Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Katheryn Sager

AUBURN — Katheryn J. Sager, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Sager had been a homemaker and an active volunteer at R.S.V.P. in Auburn.

She was a graduate of Libbey High School in Toledo, Ohio, and completed her training as a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1925, to Eddie and Ruth Zelt. She married Richard J. Sager on Jan. 10, 1948. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Richard and Patricia Sager of Carleton, Mich., Mike and Sandee Sager of Auburn, Jack Sager of Hometown and Steve and Angie Sager of Milford, Ohio; five grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Karl Kazmaier of Port Clinton, Ohio; and a brother and sister-in-law, George and Judy Surerus of Toledo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Nelson Surerus; a sister, Joanne Zelt; and a brother, Donald Surerus.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and one hour prior to the funeral service Saturday.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Bill Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the R.S.V.P. in Auburn, Garrett Presbyterian Church or the Heimach Center in Auburn.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Inez Conley

KENDALLVILLE — Inez Conley, 87, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Conley was employed at Starcraft Boats in Goshen for several years.

She had resided in Noble County for more than 30 years, coming from Springfield, Ohio.

She was born Nov. 28, 1923, in Knott County, Ky., to Wade and Mary Ellen (Wooten) Ritchie. She married Pearl Conley on March 4, 1939, in Dwarf, Ky., and he preceded her in death Jan. 7, 1975.

Surviving are three sons, James Conley of Kendallville, William Conley of Wolcottville and Eugene and Rose Conley of Wolcottville;



Mrs. Conley

a daughter, Mary Lee and Rev. Emory Gibson of Rome City; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rosie and Bill Shepherd of Hindman, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild, Pearl Conley; a great-grandson, Jackie Lee Short; four sisters, Bonnie Bloomer, Ottie Mae Prater, Maxine Tucker and Annie Lee White; and a brother, Buddy Ritchie.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Friday at Hindman Funeral Services; Hindman, Ky.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. at Hindman Funeral Services with the Rev. Glenn Patrick and the Rev. Emory Gibson officiating.

Burial will be at Combs Cemetery in Emmalena, Ky.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Gerald Sheefel

FORT WAYNE — Gerald C. Sheefel, 78, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O McComb and Sons Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest.

Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery at Payne, Ohio.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Colby

FREMONT — Robert C. Colby, 85, of Fremont died April 20, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Ruth Van Wye

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Ruth A. Van Wye, 78, of Montpelier, Ohio, died at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center in Defiance, Ohio.



Mrs. Van Wye

She was born May 4, 1932, at Hillsdale, Michigan, to Everett E. and Edith Agnes (Hudkins) Price.

Ruth was a Montpelier resident since infancy and was a 1951 graduate of Montpelier High School.

On July 5, 1952, she was married to Harry D. Van Wye, and he survives.

Ruth was a member of First United Methodist Church, Montpelier.

She had retired in 1994 as an engineering clerk at Beam-Stream Inc. of Montpelier, where she had been employed for 28 years.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Curtis Adams of Kettering, Ohio, and Shelly and Ken Miller of Hamilton, Indiana; three grandchildren, Allen (Stephanie) Miller of Hamilton, Andy (Cassie) Miller of Huntington, Indiana, and, Jeff Adams, Kettering; one great-grand-daughter, Jacqueline Miller; and one sister, Joann Motter of Bryan, Ohio.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were three brothers, Forest, Carl and Reverend Alfred Price; and three sisters, Viola Tressler, Geraldine Huston and Ruby Huenink.

Visitation for Ruth A. Van Wye will be Friday, April 22, in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in First United Methodist Church, Montpelier, with the Rev. Robert Damschroder officiating. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church or Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Condolences and fond memories may be offered to the family at www.wilsongeeseyfuneralhome.com.

We, the family members of
Donna Rathburn Handshoe,
would like to send special thanks to all who came to Hite Funeral Home for the viewing and funeral on April 9th and 10th. Our beloved wife and mother, Donna, touched so many people in her life. The outpouring of love felt at the funeral home just goes to show how loved she really was! Again, thank you to everyone who gave a smile, a hug, or flowers and may God Bless you all!

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 22, 2011, Friday

Dee Duncan

CHURUBUSCO — Dee S. Duncan, 54, a resident of rural Churubusco and wife of widely acquainted Churubusco businessman Dale E. Duncan, passed away at 12:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the family residence in Smith Township following an illness of more than three years.



Mrs. Duncan

Mrs. Duncan was born in Dallas, Texas, on April 30, 1956, a daughter of David E. and Barbara A. (Smith) Leonard. As a girl she moved with her family to Boulder, Colorado, where she graduated from Boulder High School in 1974. Following her graduation she spent time along with her parents as a missionary to Honduras and Costa Rica, where she became fluent in Spanish.

On January 28, 1984, she was married in Camp Wood, Texas, to Dale E. Duncan of Churubusco, and lived all of her married life in Churubusco. Along with her husband, she was part owner of both the Eel River Golf Course in Churubusco and U. S. Automation in Huntertown.

A member of the County Line Church of God near Auburn, she sang in its church choir, and was a naturally gifted vocalist. A lifelong student of Scripture, she enjoyed opening her home for Bible studies and other special functions for family and friends. Known for her flair in decorating and total efficiency, and always having a special love for children, she had been a personal counselor and

confidant to countless friends over the years. During her illness of more than three years, Dee was an inspiration to all who knew her, never failing to praise her God in all things.

The surviving relatives include her husband Dale; a son, Andrew Duncan; a senior at Calvin College; a daughter, Anna Duncan of Churubusco; her parents, David E. and Barbara Leonard of Mesquite, Texas; one sister, Cyndi (Paul) Demaree of Fort Wayne; one brother, Terry Leonard of Amity, Oregon; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in the County Line Church of God, 7716 N. County Line Road, East, Auburn. Pastor Stuart Kruse will officiate.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 6 to 8 p. m., on Monday from 2 to 8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to County Line Church of God Missions Fund, 7716 N. County Line Road, East, Auburn, IN 46706; or to Churubusco Youth For Christ, 2825 Hillegas Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Duncan's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Anna Doty

ASHLEY — Anna Mae Doty, 79, of Ashley died at 2:07 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Doty was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Doty was a graduate of Butler High School.

She was born March 18, 1932, in Butler to Charles and Edna (Slentz) Albertson. She married Robert L. Doty on Feb. 12, 1955, in Angola. He survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are a son, Frank (Joyce) Doty of Auburn; a daughter, Karen K. Doty of Ashley; a brother, James Albertson of Butler; two sisters, Betty Zehr of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth Groff of Butler; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Independent Full Gospel Church, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorials to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Amelia Yoder

TOPEKA — Amelia E. Yoder, 89, of Topeka died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be all day today at the family residence at 5375 W. C.R. 500S, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret Flook

WHITMORE LAKE, Mich. — Flook, Peg, Mrs. John Howard Flook,

Margaret Joanne Hachet, Mom. All of these people, wrapped into one tired, aged body passed away



Mrs. Flook

peacefully in her sleep in the home of her beloved son Tom, daughter-in-law Jan, and grandkids, Steven and Brian.

She is also survived by the sons of her eldest son Dale, Aaron and Sean Flook, and daughter Anne Arroyo (Flook) and Anne's husband, Oscar.

Born in 1920 in Auburn, Indiana, she graduated from Ohio Wesleyan College in journalism and went on to work for the Detroit Free Press as a reporter. There she met and married a handsome Navy Lieutenant Commander John Howard Flook.

They ultimately settled in Saline, Michigan, where she worked for the Saline Reporter.

When child rearing was done, they sold their home and moved to St. Bees Island off the coast of McKay, Queensland, Australia. Between fishing stranded sailors from the sea, and surviving and recovering from cyclones, they saved and nursed to health any number of kangaroo joeys, baby goats, stranded dogs, and the occasional koala or fruit bat.

Mom best remembered this time for sitting up nights waiting for the sea turtle eggs to hatch. Australian Guana lizards and innumerable sea birds sat near by. As the hatchlings emerged she would run defense, shooing away the birds and cranky, hissing lizards as the baby turtles made their way to the sea.

When health issues caused them to return to Michigan, her commitment to all God's creatures, great and small, led to rescue of innumerable stray cats, dogs, birds and many, many raccoons.

At her request, there will be no memorial service. Cremation has taken place.

Weep if you must, but do not send flowers. Instead, in her name, make a donation to your church, synagogue, or mosque as recognition of her deep life long faith; or make a donation to a Disabled American Veterans organization in recognition of her years as a patriotic Navy wife; or to the Humane Society near you in recognition of the innumerable "babies" she saved and nurtured; or to your local hospice organization in recognition to the wonderful care and support Grace Hospice provided in her last days.

Nie Funeral Homes, Ann Arbor, Mich., is in charge of arrangements.

Please visit Peg's webpage at www.niefuneralhomes.com to sign her guest book or leave a memory.

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Robert Colby

FREMONT — Robert C. Colby, 85, of Fremont died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Indiana.

Mr. Colby had owned the Fremont Drug Store from 1970-1989. Following his retirement, he worked for the Hostetler's Drug Store in Shipshewana, Indiana.

He was a 1942 graduate of Fort Wayne North Side High School, and was a graduate of the Purdue University School of Pharmacy.

He was WW II Army veteran, serving in the Rhineland's Central Europe Campaign. He was a Purple Heart recipient and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Mr. Colby was a member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post #257, Northeastern Masonic Lodge #210 F & AM, Pokagon Shrine Club of Angola, Ind., Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, and Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was a former member and attended Fremont United Methodist Church for many years and enjoyed being a part of the church choir.

His hobbies included playing golf and cards and his family and spending time with his loving wife, his children and grandchildren. He was a Chicago Cubs fan and Purdue University fan, and he loved his pharmacy business dearly.

He was born April 23, 1925, in Fort Wayne to George E. and Esther (Johnson) Colby. He married Mary Frances Kuykendall on August 20, 1948, in Fort Wayne, Ind. She preceded him in death on December 22, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy and Tim Meyer of West Lafayette, Ind., and Patricia Colby of Bradenton, Fla.; two sons, Christopher and Ruth Colby of Fremont, Ind., and John and Luanne Colby of Thousand Oaks, California; seven grandchildren, Matthew Meyer, Melissa Meyer, Austin Colby, Jacob Colby, Nicole Tyson, Cody Colby and Marshall Colby; one great-granddaughter, Baylee Rose Tyson; one sister, Lily Hutchinson; and two brothers, Roger and Becky Colby and George and Jane Colby.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Frances Colby; two sisters, Eleanor Gerke and Meda Shilts; and one brother, Drew Colby.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, Ind. Military committal services will be conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church or the Northeastern Masonic Lodge

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Renee Thomas

FORT WAYNE — Renee Kay Thomas, 45, a brave woman of great faith passed away Saturday, April 16, 2011, after a nine-month battle with colon cancer.

Born in Fort Wayne, Renee was a loving wife, mother, daughter, and sister. To know Renee is to love her, as she was a very unique and special woman that drew you in and made you feel loved and cared about.

Her thoughtfulness and compassion for others was unconditional and touched the lives of many, leaving the gentle impact that only Renee could do. Her passion for having the best interest of others always in mind was a quality that revealed her character the most.

Renee enjoyed laughing and playing with her family and friends, and was looking forward to the birth of her first grandchild, Lyla Ne.

Renee's beauty was not contained to only the physical, but her inner beauty was incredibly pure and sincere. Renee was truly one of the sweetest, kindest, most tender, self-sacrificing, gracious people that one would be blessed to know.

Renee graduated from Leo High School Class of 1984, continuing on to attend Vincennes University and Ivy Tech to pursue her nursing degree.

Renee was connected to many organizations: member of the Noble County 4-H (showing horses), Girl Scout troop leader, Leo PTA room mother, Fort Wayne Radio



Mrs. Thomas

Club member, Ham Radio operator: KC9KGTG, member of the Leo, Grabill, Harlan, Auburn, and Hicksville Chambers of Commerce, and Leo Lions Club.

Renee was also very active — she ran several 26.2 mile marathons and 13.1 half marathons.

Through the years, Renee had worked at Pizza Prize, Leo Cafe, Towne House Retirement Center, UPS, for the town of Grabill, and Pizza Hut. Renee and her husband, Carl, owned and operated their own sign-making business, Custom Graphics, from 1993 to present. This was where you would see Renee co-piloting their office on wheels in the John Deere Green Bus with Carl. Renee was currently employed by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) where she was nominated and presented with the Integrity Award.

Surviving are husband, Carl; daughters, Jessica Thomas, and Angela (Randall) Smith, mother, Gail (Hubert Roethele) Linn; father, Wayne (Janet Buck) Linn; brother, Randy (Karen) Linn; nephew, Colton Linn; and extended family members and good friends.

Service is at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons, Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 10 a.m. until service commences at 2 p.m., with Pastor Ron Collins officiating. Burial will take place at Leo Memorial Cemetery, with an open dinner to follow at Harvest Fellowship Church on Grabill Road.

Memorial donations may be made to the family in honor of Renee to be used in support of local cancer facilities and accommodations for chemotherapy recipients.

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R. Dale Yarde

GARRETT — R. Dale Yarde, 79, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, in his home.

Dale was born July 19, 1931, in Garrett to John and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde.



He was a **Mr. Yarde** farmer his entire life, working the farms that had been in his family for over a century.

He was an active member and lifetime deacon of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Dale was a 1949 graduate of Garrett High School and served four years in the U.S. Air Force. Upon his return to Garrett, Dale married Alice J. Trenary on August 31, 1957.

He was a life-long supporter of Railroader athletics. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren participate in a wide variety of sports, from football, to soccer, to rugby, to basketball and softball. He also was an avid fan of GHS wrestlers. In addition, Dale was a lifetime

supporter of 4-H and FFA.

He is survived by his wife and their children, Roberta Bowser, Rae Ann and Steve Bade, Tom Yarde, and Terry and Andrea Yarde, all of Garrett; his grandchildren, Cassie (Josh) Ashenfelter, Kyle Yarde, Lauren Bowser, Lance Yarde, Lindsey Yarde, and Abby Nucci; and a sister, Nancy Potter of Fort Wayne.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Doris J. Gerber.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren with calling from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Pastor Brad Hardesty will be officiating. Burial will take place in Embrey Cemetery in Garrett following the service.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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John Young Jr.

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO.

— John Franklin "Johnny" Young Jr., 66, of Lee's Summit passed away on Monday, April 18, 2011, at the Lee's



Mr. Young

Summit Medical Center after battling a long illness.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit, with a visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to his grandson Jaxon Young's college fund.

Johnny was born to John and Mary Kay Young on August 30, 1944, in Kendallville, Indiana.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

He married Patricia Hays on April 15, 1975, in Atlanta, Georgia, and they moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri, in September 1975.

He retired from Nationwide Paper Co. in November 2001 where he was a shipping clerk and receiving clerk.

He was an avid caddy and golfer at the Kendallville Country Club. He took pride in the fact that he was Donald Campbell's No. 1 caddy for many years.

His pride and joy was his grandson, Jaxon Young.

He was a avid sports fan, especially the Kansas City Chiefs and Alabama Crimson Tide.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Franklin Young Sr., and his son,

Jeffrey Young.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Young of Lee's Summit, Missouri; son and wife, Jerry and Chandler Young of Lee's Summit, Missouri, son, Johnny Young of Atlanta, Georgia; grandson, Jaxon Young of Lee's Summit, Missouri; mother, Mary Kay Young-Miller of Kendallville, Indiana; sister, Nancy (Jack) Lewis of Kendallville, Indiana; brothers, Mike (Pat) Young and Larry (Cathy) Young, all of Kendallville, Indiana; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Beverly Shumaker

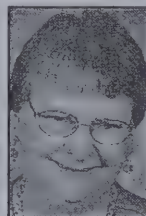
AVILLA — Beverly Ann Shumaker, 78 of Avilla died at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Shumaker was a central supply operating room technician at Parkview Hospital for 31 years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Kendallville Women of the Moose, Avilla American Legion Auxiliary and Harvest House in Kendallville.

She was born July 28, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Peter P. and Zelda M. (Telegman) Lemish. She was married Lavon "Bill" Shumker on May 18, 1974, in Ege. He died Dec. 23, 1981.

Surviving are an aunt, Mary Ann Heitz of Waterloo; two half sisters, Rita Moss, St. Louis, Mo., and Sally Ann Seigman of Fort Wayne; and many cousins.



Mrs. Shumaker

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Donald P. Lemish.

Visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and from 10-11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial will follow in Ege Cemetery at Ege.

Memorials are to Masses or the Provena Sacred Heart Home Activities Department.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Betty Kuhn

LAGRANGE — Betty L. Kuhn, 73, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at her home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Kuhn had been a factory worker for 20 years.

She was born Feb. 18, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Leon and Charlotte Scott.

Surviving are her children, Mike, Mark, Mickey and Phil Brockhaus and Lorie Combs; a brother, Steven Scott; a sister, Charlotte Scott; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the services Saturday.

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Joseph Tomlinson

AUBURN — Joseph Edward Tomlinson went to meet Jesus on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at the age of 81.

He most recently lived at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne but spent most of his life in various group home facilities throughout northeast Indiana including Sunny Meadows Home in Auburn and Northeastern Center's group homes in Kendallville and Angola.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

Despite telling people that he had been a truck driver and a farmer, he actually worked at a variety of sheltered workshops throughout his life including RISE Inc. and New Hope Clubhouse. Sometime early in life, he was taught how to write his full name and he did so with the utmost pride and care.

He enjoyed attending church, riding his bicycle, collecting key chains and pocket calendars, petting dogs and cats, playing dress up, smoking cigarettes, eating bananas and 3 Musketeer candy bars, and drinking Pepsi. However, what he enjoyed the most was people. He relied on the kindness of strangers nearly his entire life but they were never strangers long. With a handshake as firm as a preacher's and a wink as cute as Santa Claus, he won friends faster than a soda can attracts bees. Most



**Mr.
Tomlinson**

Michael Koenig

AUBURN — Michael Craig Koenig, 63, of Auburn died Friday, April 22, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

importantly, years ago, one of those strangers taught him about the love of Jesus and he knew he was going to heaven when the time came.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Elsie Tomlinson.

Joseph had no known living relatives but is survived by his friend and healthcare representative, Amanda (Sarver) Gunthorp, of LaGrange and her family — husband, Ray, and sons, Alex, Derik, and Andrew.

A private memorial service will be held in the near future at Mrs. Gunthorp's home.

Cards of condolence and memories of Joe can be mailed to the Gunthorp's at 0810 N. C.R. 925E, LaGrange, IN 46761. Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., is assisting the family with the arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

Anna Doty

ASHLEY — Anna Mae Doty, 79, of Ashley died at 2:07 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Doty was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Doty was a graduate of Butler High School.

She was born March 18, 1932, in Butler to Charles and Edna (Slentz) Albertson. She married Robert L. Doty on Feb. 12, 1955, in Angola. He survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are a son, Frank (Joyce) Doty of Auburn; a daughter, Karen K. Doty of Ashley; a brother, James Albertson of Butler; two sisters, Betty Zehr of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth Groff of Butler; and two grandchildren, Mikalyn and Wilson Doty.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Independent Full Gospel Church, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorials to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Robert Hartman

HAMILTON — Robert Dale Hartman, 86, of Hamilton and formerly of Ashley died at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Hartman

Mr. Hartman had retired from Weatherhead in Angola after 25 years of service. He was also a painter.

He formerly owned the Edon Steak House in Edon, Ohio.

Mr. Hartman was a 50-year member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge #614 and 50-year member of the Ashley Order of the Eastern Star #229. He was also a member of the Bryan, Ohio, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He attended Alvarado United Methodist Church.

He had served in the US Navy during World War II on 667 LST.

Mr. Hartman was an avid golfer.

He was born in Corunna, Ind., on May 21, 1924, to Kenneth and Bertha (Crossley) Hartman. He married Elaine L. Lash on Nov. 19, 1949, and she survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Hartman of Edon, Ohio, and Kenneth Hartman and Tammie Horn of Angola; a daughter, Nancy Crawford of Edon, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Marie Mann

WATERLOO — Marie M. Mann, 87, of Waterloo died Thursday, April 21, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mann had worked at Warner Gear.

She was born April 17, 1924, in Holly, Mich., to Ross and Blanche Eaton.

Surviving are her sons, Johnnie Mann of Waterloo, Ross Mann of Santa Fe, Tenn., Jesse Mann of Buffalo Valley, Tenn., Peter Simmons of Gulfport, Miss., Paul Simmons of Brighton, Mich., and Lawrence Simmons of Baldwin, Mich.; her daughters, Patricia Baldwin of Galesburg, Mich., and Phyllis Simmons of Baldwin, Mich.; her stepsons, Thomas Mann of Albion, Mich., and Charlie Mann of Auburn; her stepdaughters, Blanch Hilsmier of Auburn and Betty Woods of Auburn; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Mann; a daughter, Pearl Mann; stepsons, Floyd Mann and Johnny Mann; and a stepdaughter, Mary Rodman.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ed Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert Dale Hartman Jr.; a daughter, Jo Ellen Helms; and a sister, June Kohn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with Pastor John Maxson officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, with military graveside services.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. There will be an Eastern Star memorial service at 7:30 p.m. and a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Federspiel was unofficial Clear Lake historian

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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CLEAR LAKE — Robert Federspiel was known as the unofficial Clear Lake historian, who was passionate about the Steuben County body of water and its activities.

Mr. Federspiel, 90, died Feb. 27 in Naples, Fla., but his Clear Lake imprints remain.

Bonnie Brown of Clear Lake said Mr. Federspiel worked with her and others on a history book and he contributed many stories and facts. "He was our official historian. His father, Frank, was our first town board president," said Brown, who has been at Clear Lake since she was a fourth-grader. "He was an avid sailor on the 'Inland Cat.' We purchased our first sailboat from him, 'The Eight Ball.'"

Brown said no matter the topic, Mr. Federspiel knew a little bit about everything and had a remarkable memory. "He was like the backbone to everything," she said. "He was very vital and active. He will be missed."

Brown said the focus of the Clear Lake history book was to record information for future generations so it wouldn't be forgotten. According to the book, Mr. Federspiel worked as a student apprentice in 1936 and 1937 holding metal blocks inside boats so a copper clout nail could be bent over. He then moved onto sanding, varnishing, delivering and rigging sailboats. Mr. Federspiel provided an account of a bridge conflict: "Upon realizing that the channel site was being filled in by an angry group, Dad (Frank Federspiel Sr., president of the town board) called the sheriff's department and county commissioners, but that brought no response or interest. The town did not have a marshal then. I drove Dad down to the canal fill site at the water's edge. I parked crossways to stop the trucks from dumping more fill. About six or eight burly drivers picked us up in the 1926 Buick and placed us in the lake.

Meanwhile, the other two board members, B.H. Mies and Oliver Guilford, came to plea for civility and lawfulness. The group picked us up out of the water, placed us back on hard ground and I drove away up the hill."

Mr. Federspiel was born Nov. 14, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Ella (Miller) Federspiel. In 1945, he married Margaret Weber. She preceded him in death in 2010.

Mr. Federspiel was a World War II veteran who received Navy cadet flight training and was commissioned as a Naval flight officer and flew reconnaissance in World War II. He was assigned to VPB-112 n Fleet Air Wing Seven in French Morocco. He was later assigned to FAW-7 in England.

After being employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne, he was established Customcraft Inc., as a designer and exhibitor for trade show displays and ran the company for 33 years.

Mr. Federspiel also was vice president and secretary of the Jaycees and was part of the group that built the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum. In 1964, he was involved in the design concept of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo and served on the zoo's board of directors, remaining director emeritus for 40 years.

He was involved in the design of Fort Wayne industrial buildings and homes in Naples in his retirement. He was on the building committees of the Grace Lutheran Church, Naples, and the Clear Lake Lutheran Church during reconstruction.

Mr. Federspiel's loves were woodworking, building projects, sailing, travel, classic boats, automobiles, church, Navy reunions and spending time with his family.

Judy Johnston of Clear Lake said



Robert Federspiel

Mr. Federspiel knew four generations of her family. "My great-grandpa helped Bob move here," Johnston said. "He was able to tell me information about my ancestors, including Charles Borton distilling peppermint and selling it for medicinal purposes. Bob was well loved and respected."

Survivors include his five children, Phillip Federspiel of West Hartford, Conn., Ellen Poffenberger and her husband Robert of Carmel; Susan Chase of Glastonbury, Conn., Neil Federspiel and his wife, Marcia of Fort Wayne and Ann DeWert and her husband, Richard of Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter-in-law, Kathy Latz, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Dorothy Bosler and Jerome Federspiel.

Condolences for Federspiel were left on a message board of a Clear Lake website. "He has given so much to the preservation of Clear Lake history. We will miss him dearly. The family will have a memorial service at the lake this summer to honor his memory and good deeds," the Winches wrote.

Bruce Spangler wrote: "Bob Federspiel was a friend of my parents, but later became a friend of mine. He was a kind, gentle man that loved Clear Lake ... He wanted to see the progress on the rebuild of our cottage. He very much liked that we were preserving our 95-year-old cottage. I will miss seeing him this spring, but rejoice that Bob was part of my life."

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake; Grace Lutheran Church — Memorial Garden Fund, Naples, Fla.; or the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne.

Brown said the Clear Lake history book, which contains information on Mr. Federspiel, is available at the Fremont Public Library and Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County. The book is also available for purchase at the Clear Lake Town

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John Hughes

HUDSON — John Wayne Hughes, 77, of Hudson, died Friday, April 22, 2011, at 7:50 p.m. at DeKalb Hospital, Auburn.

He was born April 12, 1934 in Flint, Ind., to Wayne and Ellen (Sprankle)

Hughes. On Aug. 26, 1956, he married Elfriede Stegelmänn. She preceded him in death on Nov. 5, 2002. On

June 14, 2009, he married Chloe Alyce

McKenzie.

She survives.

He is also survived by a brother Dan of Elwood, Ind.

Children are: John Alan (Jill) Hughes, Ruth (Ted) Beer, Karen (Kevin) Frey, Alecia (Ron) Noll and Teresa (Jim) Klingensmith. Grandchildren are: Brent Beer, Stacy (Tim) Clark, Richard (Brittney) Frey, Scott (Laura) Frey, Rebekah Frey, Amber Klingensmith, Dylan Klingensmith, Christopher (Holly) Gillespie, Douglas Gillespie, Angela Gillespie and Robert (Judy) Gillespie; and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Elfriede, a daughter Linda, a sister Margaret Jean, and a brother Don.

Mr. Hughes was a member and vice-president of the Steuben County Council since 1982. He was a member of the Steuben County Aviation Board, a 4-H leader, fair board member, and a member of the Trinity and Circle Cemetery boards.



Mr. Hughes

Along with being a farmer his entire life, he also enjoyed polka and square dancing and was a member of the Majic Square Dance Club. He attended the Stroh Church of Christ.

He enjoyed collecting old tractors and belonged to the Northeast Indiana Steam and Gas Association and Steuben County Antique Power Association. He was a long time blood donor and past president of the Steuben County Red Cross.

Visitation will be at the Stroh Church of Christ, Stroh, Ind., Tuesday, April 26, 2011, and Wednesday, April 27, 2011, from 3-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be at the Stroh Church of Christ Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 11 a.m. with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will follow in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials may be made to Salem Center Fire Department, Circle Cemetery and Stroh Church of Christ.

Condolences may be emailed to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Hohman

KENDALLVILLE — Bonnie M. Hohman, 100, of Kendallville, died Friday, April 22, 2011 at 10:25 p.m. in Gardens at Lake City, Warsaw.

Services will be Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral

Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is two hours prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw IN 46581-1196 or First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Rd., Kendallville IN 46755.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

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Michael Koenig

AUBURN — Michael Craig Koenig, 63, of Auburn, passed away Friday, April 22, 2011 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born July 2, 1947 in Garrett, he was the son of the late Edward and Florose Koenig.

He had worked for Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry for over 30 years.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, where he was a choir member.

Survivors include brothers, Rev. Stephen (Patricia) Koenig of Clinton, Miss., Rev. Kevin (Elizabeth) Koenig of Marco Island, Fla., and Mark (Sue) Koenig of Auburn; sisters, Ann (Mark) Kern of Sulphur, La., and Kim (Rowland) Perez of Auburn; nephews, Alex Koenig, Joshua Koenig, Jonathan Kern, Alex Kern, Aaron Kern, Justin Koenig, Brandon Koenig, Kayle Koenig and Seth Koenig; nieces, Elizabeth Zeller, Jill Koenig, Jenny Kirkpatrick, Carolyn Jimenez, Hillary Kern, Paula Fairley, Rachel Thomas, Ashley Perez and Maria Perez.

Mr. Koenig had a special interest in his nieces and nephews events and activities.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2011, with visiting one hour prior at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery, Fremont.



Mr. Koenig

Patricia Nickolson

FORT WAYNE —

Patricia Ann (Carpenter) Nickolson, 73, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with calling from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Theodore Lebrecht

ANGOLA — Theodore G. Lebrecht, 70, of Angola, died Friday, April 22, 2011 at his residence.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

John Bird

LAGRANGE — John Christopher Bird, 49, of 7770E C.R. 100N, LaGrange, died suddenly on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 1:45 a.m. at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Visitation will also be Tuesday, April 26, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

To sign the online guest book visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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John Bird

LAGRANGE — John Christopher Bird, 49, of 7770 E. 100N, LaGrange, died Saturday, April 23, 2011, at 1:45 a.m. at his residence.

He was born on March 11, 1962, in Benton Harbor, Mich., to George and Barbara (Hallam) Bird. He was a 1980 graduate of Coldwater High School



Mr. Bird

in Coldwater, Mich. He married Leanna M. Burlew on June 25, 1988. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Andrea Hill and fiancé Andrew Goodwin, Amanda Rhodes and fiancé Jonathan Kelley, Kayla Bird, Kelsey Bird and Christa Bird; three sisters, Victoria Wolfinger, Deborah Johnson and Barbara Morford; five brothers, George Bird, Daniel Bird, Frank Bird, Paul Bird and Jason Bird; two sisters-in-law, Julie Bird and Angie Robertson; two brothers-in-law, Daniel Burlew and Robert Burlew; six grandchildren, Aiden, Alex, Noah, Ariana, Trenton and Jeremiah; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Lake Missionary Church, 9030 W. U.S. 20, Angola. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the church, with the Pastor Lance Witham and Associate Pastor Mike Cain officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Gwendolyn Clabaugh

GARRETT — Gwendolyn A. Clabaugh, 79 of Garrett, died on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at her residence.

She was born Aug. 24, 1931 in Wauksa, Wisc. to Otto A. and Lillian M. (Morse) Hitz and they preceded her in death.

She had worked as an assembler for Mossberg Hubbard and was the head union steward until her retirement in 1982. She then was a dispatcher at the Heimach Center in Auburn for several years.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda K. (Steven) Meyer and Canice M. (Juris) Adamsons, both of Garrett; three sons, Calvin C. (Vickie) Clabaugh of Waterloo, Simon R. Clabaugh of Wisc. and James F. (Gabriella) Clabaugh of Reading, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank E. Hitz of Murphysboro, Ark.; three sisters, Margaret (Gordon) Smith of Oconenowoc, Wis., Debbie

(Lance) Marshardt of Waupaco, Wis., and Sharon Patryas of Waupaco, Wis. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Otto Hitz Jr. and John Hitz; two sisters, Elsie Milan Smith and Lauretta Zipfel, and a grandchild.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at 9 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 26 from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Home Health and Hospice.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Hal Garrow

WAUSEON, Ohio — Hal Richard Garrow, 84, of Wauseon died at home Saturday, April 23, 2011.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wauseon. Interment will follow in Wauseon Union Cemetery.

Calling will be at the Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home, Wauseon, Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Wauseon Fire Department or Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Rachel Bair

EATON RAPIDS, Mich.
— Rachel Rebecca Bair, 101, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2011.

She was born May 21, 1909, in White Pigeon, Mich., the daughter of Albert and Eva (Cleveland) Collins.

Rachel received her teaching degree from Manchester College and later graduated from St. Francis with a master's degree in education. Rachel was a teacher for over 30 years. She taught in Orland, Ind., and Auburn Ind., at the DeKalb County Central United School District, where she was a pioneer in special education.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the United Methodist Church and its choir. Rachel was also a Sunday school teacher and belonged to the United Methodist Women. She loved to read, do crossword puzzles, play cards and watch Detroit Tigers baseball, and hockey.

Rachel married the late Orval Bair on May 17, 1935. They were married for 61 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Norma (Jerry) Hampton of Eaton Rapids, and Natalie (Rev. C. Jarrell) Tyson of Mountain Home, Ark.; grandchildren, Karla Hampton Anderson of Marshall, Mich., Bret Gorny of Tuttle, Okla., Gregory Hampton of Oswego, Ill., Sean Kersey of Grand Ledge, Mich., Melissa Gorny VanVleet of Fargo, N.D., and Scott Kersey of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Rachel was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Orval Bair; son, Burdette Bair; sisters, Floiad Collins Carlisle, Lois Carlisle and Genelle Collins; and brothers Russell Collins, Cleveland "Eddie" Collins and Albertus Collins.

Graveside services will be held at noon April 27, 2011, at the Fairfield Cemetery in Hudson, Ind., with the Rev. C. Jarrell Tyson officiating. Memorial services will be held in Auburn at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706, or Easter Seals, 233 S. Wacker Dr. Chicago, IL 60606.

Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

Charles Smith

FORT WAYNE — Charles Martin Smith, 54, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 16, 2011, in South Milford.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service may be scheduled for a later date.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Elinor Gingrich

AUBURN — Elinor H. Gingrich, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Patricia Engle

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia Engle, 75, of Kendallville died Saturday, April 23, 2011, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Paul Carroll

WATERLOO — Paul A. Carroll, 53, of Waterloo died Saturday, April 23, 2011, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Carroll was born Jan. 4, 1958, to Ruth Carroll and Francis Carroll Jr. He graduated from DeKalb High School in May 1976. He married Sandra D. (Billard) Dart on Sept. 23, 1985, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a demolitions expert. After his discharge, he worked in the construction industry for a few years, then worked for his local municipality, the city of Lawton, Okla., for several years before returning to Waterloo. For the past 16 years he worked in Waterloo as the street superintendent.

He did volunteer work within the community, including for the Waterloo Cemetery and veterans' graves.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Carroll of Waterloo; his mother, Ruth Carroll of Waterloo; sons Christopher W. Dart of Fort Wayne and Michael R. (Magan) Dart of Cincinnati, Ohio; a grandson, Noah Robert of Cincinnati; half brothers Barry Carroll of Auburn, Dave Carroll of Florida and Richard "Dick" Carroll of Lawton, Okla.; an aunt and uncle, Marilyn and John Gurner of Waterloo; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Carroll Jr.

A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until the 7 p.m. service at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, or the American Cancer Society.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Michele Cleveland

LAGRANGE — Michele B. Cleveland, 79, of LaGrange died at her home on Friday, April 22, 2011.

In 1976, she moved from Marshalltown, Iowa, to LaGrange, where she was homemaker.

She was born on July 26, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Edward French and Marguerite (Lohr) Brown. On June 6, 1953, in Bucyrus, Ohio, she married D. Bruce Cleveland; he survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen Marguerite and Robert Shanahan of LaGrange, Constance Anne and Gregory Lehman of Topeka, and Jennifer Lynn and Mark Leykauf of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Eric Dean Cleveland and Annette Stanton of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Patrick Quinn and Catherine Cleveland of Floyds Knobs; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a half sister, Suzanne Luker of Naples, Fla.

Her parents, Edward and Marguerite Brown; a stepmother, Charlotte Brown; and a stepsister, Monica Mastin preceded her in death.

A private family service and burial in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Furip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left for the family at www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

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Gerald Waldron

LIGONIER — Gerald Lee "Jerry" Waldron, age 68, of Ligonier passed away on April 24, 2011 at 9 p.m. in his residence following a courageous battle with cancer.



Mr. Waldron

He was the son of Bette (Pratt) Smith and Carnie Lewis Waldron. He was born on October 16, 1942 in Kendallville, Ind. He married Charlotte Coffelt on October 21, 1967 in Ligonier, Ind.

He graduated from Cromwell High School in 1960 and went on to serve his country in the United States Army from 1960-64. During his tenure in the Army he was stationed in Germany serving as a military policeman.

He had a passion for softball, playing fast pitch softball for more than 32 years. He had also coached the West Noble High School Girls Softball Team.

He retired as a human resource manager from Flex Steel in New Paris in 2008 after nearly 20 years of service.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Charlotte Waldron of Ligonier; three children, Stephanie (Chris) Holland of Taylorsville, N.C., Christopher Waldron of Ligonier and Angela (Joel) Beers of Kimmell; five grandchildren, Alle, Aubrie, Culver, Zachary and Isabella, all at home; his mother, Bette Smith of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Ronald (Betty) Waldron of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Steve (Kay) Kaufman of Fort Wayne; and two stepsisters.

John Young Jr.

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO. — John Franklin "Johnny" Young Jr., 66, of Lee's Summit passed away on Monday, April 18, 2011, at the Lee's Summit Medical Center after battling a long illness.



Mr. Young

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit, with a visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to his grandson Jaxon Young's college fund.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Mike Waldron.

A memorial service in Jerry's honor will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Friends may call on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. and 1 hour prior to the memorial service on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to West Noble High School Girls Softball Team, 5094 N. U.S. 33, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Johnny was born to John and Mary Kay Young on August 30, 1944, in Kendallville, Indiana.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

He married Patricia Hays on April 15, 1975, in Atlanta, Georgia, and they moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri, in September 1975.

He retired from Nationwide Paper Co. in November 2001 where he was a shipping clerk and receiving clerk.

He was an avid caddy and golfer at the Kendallville Country Club. He took pride in the fact that he was Donald Campbell's No. 1 caddy for many years.

His pride and joy was his grandson, Jaxon Young. He was a avid sports fan, especially the Kansas City Chiefs and Alabama Crimson Tide.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Franklin Young Sr., and his son, Jeffrey Young.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Young of Lee's Summit, Missouri; son and wife, Jerry and Chandler Young of Lee's Summit, Missouri, son, Johnny Young of Atlanta, Georgia; grandson, Jaxon Young of Lee's Summit, Missouri; mother, Mary Kay Young-Miller of Kendallville, Indiana; sister, Nancy (Jack) Lewis of Kendallville, Indiana; brothers, Mike (Pat) Young and Larry (Cathy) Young, all of Kendallville, Indiana; two foster sisters; April Bell Kemerly of Kendallville and Kathy Bell Linthicum of Auburn; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

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Patricia Engle

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia Engle, 75, of Kendallville died Saturday, April 23, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. Mrs. Engle was a lifetime area resident.



Mrs. Engle

She had worked at the Garrett Head Start, Hubbard Spool in Garrett, was a cook at Floyd's Place (now the Railroad Inn) in Garrett, did house cleaning, and took care of the elderly.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. She was also a former member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge.

She was born April 12, 1936, in Noble County to Jack and Thelma (Schmidt) Trowbridge. She was married to George Brumbaugh, and he preceded her in death in October 1999. She then married William "Bill" Engle. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Garnel Handshoe Jr. of Garrett and George A. Brumbaugh II of Garrett; a daughter, Catherine E. Keck and her companion, Clifford Roberts, of Kendallville; three stepsons, Marshall (Linda) Brumbaugh of Garrett, Jeff Brumbaugh of Kendallville and Michael William (Patty) Engle of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter she raised, Jessica Marzion of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; six sisters, Donna Conrad of Kendallville, Helen Gillespie of Garrett, Judith Pretschold of Mt. Prospect, Ill., Jeanne

Suzanne Hasbrouck

HOWE — Suzanne L. Hasbrouck, 62, of Howe died unexpectedly at her home on Sunday, April 24, 2011.

Mrs. Hasbrouck had lived in Howe since 1970.

She had worked as a shipping



Mrs. Hasbrouck

clerk at Machine Rite/Atwood Mobile Products in LaGrange.

Mrs. Hasbrouck graduated from Ferris State College in Big Rapids, Mich., with a degree as a dental assistant.

She was an active member of the Howe United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Sue was born Feb. 21, 1949, in Battle Creek, Mich., to John "Jack" Richard Sr. and Elaine (Bush) Brewer. She married John Hasbrouck on Oct. 10, 1970, in Constantine, Mich. He survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Todd Payne of Westfield, Ind., and Andrea and Doyle Yoder of LaGrange; four grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, John Jr. and Donna Brewer of Howe.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Howe United Methodist Church, 511 Third St., Howe, with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Fredrickson of Avilla, Karen Conrad of Elkhart, and Janet Vian of Waterloo; and three brothers, Larry Trowbridge, Steven Trowbridge and Daniel Trowbridge, all of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Christina K. (Handshoe) See and Rose Ann (Handshoe) Devereau; a great-granddaughter, Christina Mae Handshoe; and a brother, Robert Lee Trowbridge.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father James Stoyke officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St. A prayer vigil will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Mary Mason

ALBION — Mary V. Mason, 88, of Albion went to meet Jesus on Sunday, April 24th, 2011, at 5:17 AM at her daughter's residence in Albion. Mrs. Mason had been in declining health for the last two years.

She was born in Gary, Indiana, on March 11, 1923, to the late Dominc and Marie (De Chiara) Pilla. On October 14, 1942, in Gary she married Marion L. Mason. He died on September 7, 1996.

Mary and her husband moved to Albion in 1972 from Plymouth, Indiana; to work for the Noble County Training Center in Albion, now known as Foundations. Mary worked as a shop supervisor from 1972 until she retired in 1988. For several of those years she was a volunteer employee.

Mrs. Mason attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, was a longtime board member of the Noble County Council on Aging.

She enjoyed traveling with Noble County Council on Aging, especially attending plays and musicals, she looked forward to her weekly shopping trips to Kendallville with her friends. She also loved bird watching, reading, doing puzzles, and watching her grandkids play. In her formative years her and her husband enjoyed fishing.



Mrs. Mason

Hal Garrow

WAUSEON, Ohio — Hal Richard Garrow, age 84, of Wauseon, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Saturday, April 23, 2011.

Prior to his retirement, he had been a lifelong area farmer.



Mr. Garrow

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharon Mason of Valparaiso, Carol A. and Ken Keller of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and Beverly and Doug Hile of Albion; seven grandchildren, Jason Hile, Lisa Knafel, Dawn Keller, David Plinovich, Krista Kaiser and Kim Plinovich; and a sister, Jennie Motta of Taylor, Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion; her parents; a grandson, Doug Plinovich; five brothers, Leo, Mike, Mark, Joey Tony and Sam Pilla; and a sister, Elizabeth Macchia.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Brazell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Zack Rainey will officiate the service. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will also be on Wednesday two hours prior to the funeral at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Foundations or Noble County Council on Aging.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazellfuneralhome.com

Hal was born in Chesterfield Township on November 9, 1926, the son of the late Robert and the late Mildred (Borne) Garrow. On September 3, 1950 he married Irene Haas, and she survives.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon.

He was a former 4-H adviser and a member of the Fulton County Farm Bureau.

He was also an avid Ohio State Buckeye's fan and a Detroit Tigers fan.

Surviving besides his wife, Irene, are his children: Jeanette (Dean) Meridew of Angola, Indiana, LouAnn (Marvin) Wheeler of Wauseon, and Larry (Kelly) Garrow of Wauseon; his grandchildren: Jason Meridew, Corey Meridew, Zackary Garrow, Bridget Garrow and Chris Wheeler; four great-grandsons; and one sister, Mary Jo Staelens of Adrian, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Michael Lee Garrow; and two brothers, James and Leslie Garrow.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon, with Pastor Tim Sonnenberg and Pastor Jen Herrmann, officiating. Interment will follow in the Wauseon Union Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home, 219 S. Fulton, Wauseon, today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Wauseon Fire Department or Trinity Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.grisierfh.com.

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Mildred Wyatt

ANGOLA — Mildred Maxine Wyatt, 88, of Angola died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Wyatt had worked in communications at Tri-State University.

She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

She was born June 12, 1922, in Angola to William and Catherine (Musser) Rhinesmith. She married Francis Max Wyatt on Dec. 1, 1945. He died Nov. 21, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Larry Wyatt of Angola, and three daughters, Diana Johnson of Holly Springs, N.C., Patricia and Richard Bible of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and Connie and John McBride of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Pyl "Bill" Rhinesmith; a grandson, Robert Geer; and a granddaughter, Emily Pearson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller offici-



Mrs. Wyatt

ating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Eliner Gingrich

AUBURN — Eliner H. Gingrich, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Gingrich was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church.

She was born Sept. 28, 1920, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to Donald and Mary (Weaver) Hawver.

She married Franklin D. Gingrich at the Methodist Church in Auburn on Aug. 16, 1941, with the Rev. Claude Garrison officiating. Mr. Gingrich passed away Dec. 17, 2005.

Surviving are a son, David Gingrich of Boston, Mass.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marymae and Brent Beaty of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Dacian Gingrich of Elyria, Ohio, and Taylor Beaty of DePauw University in Greencastle.



Mrs. Gingrich

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Linley Hawver; and a sister, Helen H. Johnson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Dean Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Sunday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 365, Auburn, or Gideons International.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Ruth Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Ruth Kathryn Miller, 93, of Shippshewana died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W. C.R. 100N, Shippshewana.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shippshewana.

Memorials are to MCC relief.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Rachel Bair

HUDSON — Graveside services for Rachel R. Bair, 101, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., will be held at noon Wednesday at Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Mrs. Bair died Sunday, April 24, 2011.

A memorial service will be held in Auburn at a later date.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706, or Easter Seals, 233 S. Wacker Dr. Chicago, IL 60606.

Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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Martin Wallinger

ANGOLA — It is with great sadness that the family of Martin A. "Marty" Wallinger

announces his sudden and unexpected passing on Monday, April 25,

2011, at the age of 62, at his Lake James home.



Mr.
Wallinger

Marty was born Oct. 23, 1948, and spent most of his young boyhood in Detroit, until his family moved to Walled Lake, Mich., where his love for the lake originated. He attended and graduated from Walled Lake High School and spent his spare time and summers swimming, fishing, boating, and enjoying the water. He graduated from Lawrence Technical Institute, Detroit, as a mechanical engineer and worked as a manufacturing engineer for John Deere Corp., Waterloo, Iowa; General Products, Angola; and Tecumseh Products, Tecumseh, Mich., before starting his own consulting company. For several years, he had also been President and owner of Tri Star Manufacturing, Angola, and Spa Covers Plus, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Most recently, he had become a broker/Realtor and owned and operated his company, Real Estate Plus.

He was a news junky, a staunch U of M supporter, and an avid Red Wings fan; and always felt free to give you his opinions on any of them. He blocked out his calendar for the Stanley Cup Playoffs, and we'll miss his "SCORE!" ringing

throughout the house this year. He was a proud American, but he also had a fond affection for a Canadian beer and Tim Horton's Canadian coffee. He still loved the lake and enjoyed nothing more than a boat ride or sitting on the deck watching the water.

Marty grew up a devout Lutheran, but for the last 18 years had attended Fairview Missionary Church, where he served the Lord as a lighting projectionist. The last week of his life, he had joyfully spent rehearsing and presenting "HIStory", an Easter presentation, with his church family.

Marty is survived by his wife, Diane (Felt Crankshaw); daughters, Pamela Sharon and husband Ed of Detroit and Shannon Nix and husband Josh of Fort Wayne; stepsons Matthew Crankshaw and wife Megan of Indianapolis and Adam Crankshaw of Austin, Texas; seven awesome grandchildren 7 years and under, Nathan and Nicole Sharon; Ella, William and Campbell Nix; and Katie and Anna Crankshaw. Recent Christmases had been loud, lively and wonderful at the Wallingers'.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Col. Robert Wallinger and Edna Wallinger, and a brother, Robert Wallinger Jr.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church with Pastors Norm Fuller and Glenn Flint presiding.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Missionary Church.

To sign the guestbook, visit www.weichtfh.com.

Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Anna Thimlar

BUTLER — Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Butler Cemetery in Butler for Anna Belle Thimlar.

A reception will follow from 2-4:30 p.m. at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, 4099 C.R. 59, Butler.

Mrs. Thimlar died Nov. 20, 2010, at her home in Melbourne, Fla.

She was a former Butler resident.

Archie Pairan

ORLAND — Archie W. Pairan, 87, of Orland died Sunday, April 17, 2011, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A graveside service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Woodruff Cemetery with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Theodore Lebrecht

ANGOLA — Theodore "Ted" G. Lebrecht, 70, died peacefully at his Lake Gage home on April 22, 2011, after a brief illness.

He was born on Feb. 1, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Velma and Theodore Lebrecht.



Mr. Lebrecht

He graduated from Fort Wayne South Side High School in 1959 where he was a member of the state champion basketball team. He later graduated from International Business College with a degree in accounting and pursued a 40-year career in the financial field. Mr. Lebrecht was an active member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes. He was also involved with Cahoots youth program, and served on the board of the Lakes Advisory Council. For the past five years he spent part of each year working with Seek the Lamb ministries in Nicaragua.

He and his wife, Ann Keims Lebrecht, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary together in March, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; daughters, Laura (Mark) Wolski of Apex, N.C., Betsy (Mike) Pitts of Zionsville and Susan Coonan of Angola; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Also surviving are a brother, Steve (Eleanor) Lebrecht of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Brenda (Dick) Loffi of Tuscan, Ariz.

A memorial service has been planned for Saturday at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 300 Orland Rd., Angola, IN. The service will be at 11 a.m. with visitation starting at 10 a.m.

Shirley Smith

LIGONIER — Shirley L. Smith, 73, of Ligonier, passed away Monday, April 25, 2011, following a brief illness, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born on April 18, 1938, to Harry and Myrtle (Walburn) Altimus in Kendallville. On June 16, 1956, she married Danny B. Smith in Green Center.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1956. She was a dedicated homemaker and enjoyed bowling and watching sports. She was involved in numerous community activities over the years, including serving as a 4-H leader and as the secretary and treasurer of the Indiana Tractor Pulling Association.

Survivors include her husband of over 54 years, Danny B. Smith of Ligonier; three children, Bill (Deb) Smith of Wawaka, Judy (Brian) Reeve of Ligonier and Bob (Sharon) Smith of LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Tom, Tonya, Tessa, Christina, Lisa, Tiffany, Erin, Lyle and Lauren; five great-grandchildren, Ashley, Ethan, Patrick, Courtney and Evelyn; and three siblings, Glen (Jean) Altimus of Kendallville, Walter (Judy) Altimus of Columbia City, and Sandra (John) Bollinger of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a stillborn great-granddaughter, Adarah.

A funeral service will be held in Shirley's honor at 11 a.m. on Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating. Friends may call on Thursday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral. Burial will take place in Cosperville cemetery, Cosperville. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Preferred memorials should be sent to Seek the Lamb (SeektheLamb.org or Seek the Lamb Inc., P.O. Box 2151, Vero Beach, FL 32961) or Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

The guestbook may be signed at www.weichtfh.com.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Robert Herber

FREMONT — Robert J. Herber, 88, of Fremont, died Monday, April 25, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 24, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Oscar and Sophia (Fahrenbach) Herber and they preceded him in death.

His first wife, June (Eckman) Herber, preceded him in death on March 5, 1982. He married his second wife, Lois (Adams) Herber, on Aug. 7, 1982, and she survives.

Mr. Herber was the retired owner of Lakewood Mobile Home Park in Fremont and also was a builder and owner of Herber Construction.

He was a 1941 graduate of Fort Wayne North Side High School. He was also an All-State performer for the track and cross country teams at North Side High School. He was the runner-up in the mile distance run at the state track meet in high school and recorded the fastest mile distance run time in the state during his senior year, and earned a scholarship to Indiana University. He was a World War II Army veteran. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed the lake, playing golf, fishing and hunting.



Mr. Herber

Surviving are his wife, Lois Herber of Barton Lake, Fremont, three sons and daughters-in-law, Kent and Risa Herber of Adams Lake, Wolcottville, Kevin and Nancy Herber of Barton Lake, Fremont, and John and Beth Herber of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Mari and Brett Bosker of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren: Matthew, Khristina, Mitchell, Eric, Joseph, and Tyler Herber; nine stepchildren; and many stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Jack Herber and Stan Herber, a sister, LaVerne "Connie" Swift, and two stepchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Gerald Lee Waldron, 68

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Waldron, age 68, of Ligonier passed away on April 24, 2011 at 9 p.m. in his residence following a courageous battle with cancer. He was the son of Bette (Pratt) Smith and Carnie Lewis Waldron. He was born on October 16, 1942 in Kendallville, IN. He married Charlotte Coffelt on October 21, 1967 in Ligonier, IN.



He graduated from Cromwell High School in 1960 and went on to serve his country in the United States Army from 1960-64. During his tenure in the Army he was stationed in Germany serving as a Military Policeman. He had a passion for softball. He played fast pitch softball for over 32 years. He had also coached the West Noble High School Girls Softball team. He retired as a human resource manager from Flex Steel in New Paris in 2008 after nearly twenty years of service.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Charlotte Waldron of Ligonier; three children, Stephanie (Chris) Holland of Taylorsville, NC, Christopher Waldron of Ligonier, and Angela (Joel) Beers of Kimmell; five grandchildren, Alle, Aubrie, Culver, Zachary & Isabella all at home; his mother, Bette Smith of Sarasota, FL; two brothers, Ronald (Betty) Waldron of Murfreesboro, TN and Steve (Kay) Kaufman of Fort Wayne; and two step-sisters. He was preceded in death by his father; and one brother, Mike Waldron.

A memorial service in Jerry's honor will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Friends may call on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the memorial service on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made West Noble High School Girl's Softball Team, 5094 N. US 33, Ligonier, IN. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Mary V. Mason, 88

Mary V. Mason, 88, of Albion went to meet Jesus on Sunday, April 24th, 2011, at 5:17 AM at her daughter's residence in Albion. Mrs. Mason had been in declining health for the last two years.

She was born in Gary, Indiana, on March 11, 1923, to the late Dominic and Marie (DeChiara) Pilla. On October 14, 1942, in Gary, she married Marion L. Mason. He died on September 7, 1996.

Mary and her late husband moved to Albion in 1972 from Plymouth, Indiana, to work for the Noble County Training Center, now known as Foundations, in Albion. Mary began her career working with the mentally handicapped as a volunteer and was later hired as a Workshop Supervisor until she retired in 1988.

Mrs. Mason attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, and served several years as a board member with the Noble County Council on Aging. She enjoyed traveling with the Council on Aging, especially attending plays and musicals. She looked forward to her weekly shopping trips to Kendallville with her friends. She also loved bird watching, reading, doing puzzles, and spending time with family. In earlier times, Mrs. Mason enjoyed fishing trips and horse shows with her husband.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharon Mason of Valparaiso, Carol A. and Ken Keller of Mt. Gilead, Ohio and Beverly and Doug Hile of Albion; seven grandchildren, Jason Hile, Lisa Knafel, Dawn Keller, David Plinovich, Krista Kaiser and Kim Plinovich; a sister, Jennie Motta of Taylor, Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marion; her parents; a grandson, Doug Plinovich; five brothers, Leo, Mike, Mark, Joey Tony and Sam Pilla; and a sister Elizabeth Macchia.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, April 27, 2011. The Rev. Zack Rainey officiated the service.

Burial followed at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to Foundations or Noble County Council on Aging.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Shirley L. Smith, 73

Shirley L. Smith, age 73, of Ligonier passed away at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness. She was born on April 18, 1938 to Harry & Myrtle (Walburn) Altimus in Kendallville, IN. On June 16, 1956 she married Danny B. Smith in Green Center, IN.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1956. She was a dedicated homemaker, enjoyed bowling and watching sports. She was involved in numerous community activities over the years including serving as a 4H leader, and as the secretary and treasurer of the Indiana Tractor Pulling Association.

Survivors include her husband of over 54 years, Danny B. Smith of Ligonier; three children, Bill (Deb) Smith of Wawaka, Judy (Brian) Reeve of Ligonier, and Bob (Sharon) Smith of LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Tom, Tonya, Tessa, Christina, Lisa, Tiffany, Erin, Lyle, and Lauren; five great-grandchildren, Ashley, Ethan, Patrick, Courtney, and Evelyn; three siblings, Glen (Jean) Altimus of Kendallville, Walter (Judy) Altimus of Columbia City, and Sanda (John) Bollinger of Wawaka. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a stillborn great-granddaughter, Adarah.

A funeral service will be held in Shirley's honor at 11 a.m. on Friday April 29, 2011 with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. Friends may call on Thursday April 28, 2011 from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., and one hour prior to the funeral. Burial will take place at Cosperville Cemetery in Cosperville, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Michael Scott Campbell, 47

Michael Scott "Mike" Campbell, 47, a resident of Fort Wayne, passed away at 3:04 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mr. Campbell was born in Fort Wayne on December 10, 1963, a son of Robert M. and Janet L. (Redden) Campbell, and was a lifelong resident of Allen County. In his leisure time he enjoyed working on cars, and loved animals.

The surviving relatives include his mother and step-father Janet and Raymond Gleason, Sr. of Wolf Lake; his three brothers, David Campbell of Dayton, Ohio, Paul (Leah) Campbell of Dallas, Texas, and Chris Campbell of Woodburn; and many other relatives including two nephews Cayden Campbell and Gavin Campbell.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 22, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor James Haugen, officiating.

Interment was in the Wolf Lake Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Campbell's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Martha Lee Wood, 74

Martha Lee Wood, age 74, a resident of Washington Township, Noble County, died at 9:20 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2011 in the Northridge Village and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

She was born on December, 7, 1935 in Whitley County, a daughter of J.C. and Ethel Scoby. As a young girl, her family moved to Noble Township, Noble County, near big Lake. She completed her education in the Wolf Lake High School.

On June 20, 1953, she was united in marriage to Robert Walter Wood and for the past fifty years, they have made their home on a farm near Smalley Lake.

She had been employed by the Fibre Form Corp., Lyle Electric and the Whitley county Memorial Hospital.

The surviving relatives include her husband, Robert; two sons, Brian E. Wood, Atwood, IN, Leonard Wood, Philadelphia, PA; a daughter, Theresa M. McClure, Churubusco; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A family memorial service will be held Thursday in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Chaplain Bob Rollins of the Heartland Hospice, officiating. There will be no visitation.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Heartland Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Dora Martin

FREMONT — Dora Ethel Martin, 76, of Fremont died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, Ind.

She had retired as a sales clerk at the Indiana Toll Road Plaza Gift Shop.

She had also formerly worked at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

Mrs. Martin attended Napoleon High School in Napoleon, Mich., and received her GED in 1979 from Camden High School in Camden, Mich.

She had formerly lived at Reading, Camden, and Ray, Mich. Recently she had lived for many years in Fremont, living at the Brockville Commons.

She was a member of the Jule Red Hat Ladies, and attended the Fremont Community Church.

Her hobbies included watching her children's and grandchildren's activities and sporting events, and she enjoyed her friends also. She enjoyed going to restaurants, she loved the color purple, fishing, going on trips to Hawaii, NASCAR, and local racing events.

She was born November 11, 1934, in Deshlar, Ohio, to Richard and Nina (Williams) Kinder. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are nine children, Arlinda and Don Bowers of Pleasant Lake, Ind., Ronald and Teresa Miller of Sturgis, Mich., Dianna and Greg Foulk of Fremont, Ind., Dale and Elaine Miller of Reading, Mich., Judy and David Foulk of Fremont, Ind., Pam Kaina of Waikiki, Hawaii,



Mrs. Martin

Rick Miller of Rockford, Mich., Chris Miller and Mary Guthrie of Burlington, Mich., and Tim Miller and Fraser Worth of Jackson, Mich.; six stepchildren, Ken and Betty Todd of Allen, Mich., Terri Hayes of Bronson, Mich., David and Brenda Todd and Quincy, Mich., Scott Todd and Waveland, Miss., Lisa and Jim Tubergan of Quincy, Mich., and Dee Dee Sheldon of Florida; 25 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; one brother, Dick and Arlene Kinder of Parma, Mich.; and five nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands, Dale Miller, George Todd and Jim Martin; one grandson, DeBurl Foulk; and two sons-in-law, Ronnie Hall and Edlin Kaina.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the funeral home with Pastor Darold Beck and Dr. Greg Chupp officiating.

Burial will be in Ray-Covenant Cemetery at Fremont, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Christine Underwood

FREMONT — Christine F. Underwood, 75, of Fremont died Friday, April 22, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been employed locally at Roger's, Whites, Chronister's, and Scott's for many years.

Surviving are four brothers, Lawrence W. (Sue) Garman of Bonita Springs, Fla., Lynn J. (Bonnie) Garman of Angola,

Carl D. Garman of Angola, and Lewis J. (Sue) Garman of Grand Island, N.Y.; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Underwood of Pleasant Lake.

Memorial services will held at a later date.

Jonathan Belcher

FORT WAYNE — Jonathan M Belcher, 24, died Monday, April 25, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Graveside services will follow at Wright Cemetery.

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Shirley Smith

LIGONIER — Shirley L. Smith, 73, of Ligonier, passed away Monday, April 25, 2011, following a brief illness, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Smith

She was born on April 18, 1938, to Harry and Myrtle (Walburn) Altimus in Kendallville. On June 16, 1956, she married Danny B. Smith in Green Center.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1956.

She was a dedicated homemaker and enjoyed bowling and watching sports.

She was involved in numerous community activities over the years, including serving as a 4-H leader and as the secretary and treasurer of the Indiana Tractor Pulling Association.

Survivors include her husband of over 54 years, Danny B. Smith of Ligonier; three children, Bill (Deb) Smith of Wawaka, Judy (Brian) Reeve of Ligonier and Bob (Sharon) Smith of LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Tom, Tonya, Tessa, Christina, Lisa, Tiffany, Erin, Lyle and Lauren; five great-grandchildren, Ashley, Ethan, Patrick, Courtney and Evelyn; and three siblings, Glen (Jean) Altimus of Kendallville, Walter (Judy) Altimus of Columbia City and Sandra (John) Bollinger of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a stillborn great-granddaughter, Adarah.

Robert Manon

AUBURN — Robert D. "Bob" Manon, 80, of Auburn, died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Manon was a production engineer for Bowmar Instrument in Fort Wayne for 32 years, retiring in 1993.



Mr. Manon

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He had served in the U.S. National Guard.

Mr. Manon was born Aug. 24, 1930, in Auburn to Herbert and Pearl (Freed) Manon. He married Virginia M. "Ginny" Steigmeyer on Sept. 23, 1950, in Garrett. She died March 29, 2011.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Lynda Manon of Danville, Ky., David and Pam Manon of Auburn, Duaine and Patty Manon of Kendallville, and Jeffery and Sandy Manon of Longwood, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie and Gene Troyer of Ashley, and Amy Manon of Menasha, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a sister, Janet Imhoff of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling one hour prior at the church. Father Derrick Sneyd will be officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will also be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

A funeral service will be held in Shirley's honor at 11 a.m. on Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating.

Friends may call on Thursday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral.

Burial will take place in Cosperville cemetery, Cosperville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Bonnie Hohman

KENDALLVILLE —
Bonnie M. Hohman, 100, of
Kendallville died Friday,
April 22,
2011, at
10:25 p.m.
in Gardens
at Lake
City,
Warsaw.



Mrs.
Hohman
had lived in
Kendall-
ville from 1916 to 2008
when she moved to Warsaw.

She had worked in retail
sales all of her life,
including at the Cinderella
in Kendallville and
managing Seagly's Gift
Shop in Kendallville for 15
years.

She was a member of the
First Christian Church in
Kendallville. She was also
an Eastern Star, member of
Sigma Beta and the Lady
Elks all of Kendallville.

She enjoyed playing
bridge, and participated in
several bridge clubs in the
community.

Bonnie celebrated her
100th birthday at the
Gardens at Lake City in
Warsaw with over 70 family
and friends in attendance.

She was born in Fremont,
Michigan, on October 13,
1910, to William H. and
Blanche (Woodward) Gohn.
On April 11, 1931, in
Kendallville she married
Oswald E. "Ozzie" Hohman.
He preceded her in death on
May 12, 1971.

Surviving are a daughter-
in-law, Joyce Hohman of
Warsaw; two grandsons,
Chris Hohman of
Bloomington and Jeffrey
Hohman of Kansas City;
three great-grandchildren,
Ryan Hohman, Katie
Hohman, and Brooks
Hohman; two nieces, Betty
Parker of Kendallville and

Muriel Majneri

COLUMBUS, Ohio —
Muriel Sondeen (Kreski)
Majneri, 90, died April 25,
2011.

She was preceded in
death by her husband,
Ludwig A. Majneri.

Muriel was born July 7,
1920, in Brunswick,
Georgia, to Gustav and Ruth
Sondeen.

She was a graduate of
Eastern Michigan University
and received a master's
degree in mathematics from
the University of Michigan.
Her career as a high school
mathematics teacher started
in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Charlotte Donat of Kendall-
ville; and a nephew, Robert
Gohn of Grand Rapids,
Michigan.

She was preceded in
death by her son, Gordon
Hohman on April 19, 1999;
a sister, Mary Drumheller;
three brothers, Cecil Gohn,
Charles Gohn, and Richard
Gohn; and a nephew, Carl
Gohn.

Funeral services will be
Saturday, April 30, 2011, at
2 p.m. in Young Family
Funeral Home, Kendallville
Chapel, 222 S. State St.,
Kendallville, with Pastor
Bob Farmer of the First
Christian Church officiating.
Burial will be in Lake View
Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is two hours prior
to the service at the funeral
home.

Preferred memorials are
to the Kosciusko Home Care
and Hospice, P.O. Box 1196,
Warsaw, IN 46581-1196 or
First Christian Church, 110
West Waits Road, Kendall-
ville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent
to the family at
www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

She moved to Fremont,
Indiana, and joined the
faculty at Prairie Heights
High School where she
retired after a teaching
career of more than 35
years.

She relocated in
Columbus, Ohio, shortly
after her retirement.

Muriel lived a full and
rich life. Muriel bicycled
through Europe and was an
exchange teacher in
Scotland. She was a member
of the National Ski Patrol,
had a private pilot's license
and was a member of The
Ninety-Nines Inc., the
international organization of
woman pilots.

She was a lifetime
member of the Buckeye
State Harmonica Club and a
member of the Central Ohio
Dachshund Club. She was a
strong advocate for interna-
tional education and
supported the Columbus
International Program.

The Majneri Nature
Preserve in Steuben County,
Indiana, was dedicated in
her name through ACRES
Land Trust.

Muriel is survived by
brother, Robert Sondeen of
Redlands, California, brother
and sister-in-law Phillip and
Loumar Sondeen of Ann
Arbor, Michigan, several
nieces and nephews and
many friends.

She is preceded in death
by her brother, Richard
Sondeen.

Memorial contributions
may be made to the Buckeye
State Harmonica Club, 898
Clayton Drive, Worthington,
Ohio 43085 or HomeReach
Hospice 3595 Olentangy
River Road Columbus, Ohio
43214-4034.

Schoedinger Funeral
Home is in charge of
arrangements.

Visit www.schoedinger.com
to leave an online
condolence.

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Janet McFarland

CENTRAL CITY, Colo. — Janet McFarland, 71, passed away peacefully in her home in Central City, Colo., the morning of Good Friday, April 22, 2011.

Janet was born in Springfield, Ill., on Oct. 20, 1939, and was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Parker Swift. Together they had three children, Bennett Kerry Swift, Kathleen Anne Swift and Jeffrey Bruce Swift.

She was raised in Kendallville, where she graduated from high school in 1957. Janet attended Whittier College in Whittier, Calif., where she met Dan. They met in a college production of "Gone With the Wind." They were married Dec. 30, 1961, in Whittier. They raised their children in Fullerton, Calif., until Dan's untimely death in 1972. She raised her three children alone for many years until she met her next love, Ron McFarland, in 1979.

Janet and Ron moved to Meridian, Idaho, with Bennett, Kathleen and Jeffrey in 1983. They lived there for three years before moving to Durango, Colo., in 1986. They later settled in Central City in 1988 where they began building a large network of friends and extended family on the Front Range. She became involved in wolf recovery by educating the populace through the Rocky Mountain Wolf Sanctuary. She and Ron were instrumental in changing the public understanding of wolves in the wild until Ron's health began to decline. Ron preceded her in death on Oct. 5, 2005.

She worked many years in food and beverage in Black Hawk, Central City and Idaho Springs. She most recently worked at Tommyknockers in Idaho Springs as an administrative assistant. It was a job that she truly enjoyed and she looked forward to going to work each and every day.

Janet was someone who knew no strangers; everyone she came in contact with quickly became a friend. She was available to help whenever and wherever she could. She was active in her church where she played piano and organ for Sunday services for more than 20 years. She was also active with the Peak to Peak Chorale for more than 15 years and her love of music led her into the world of opera. Her expertise on the piano will be a lasting legacy for many people

who heard and enjoyed her music.

Janet is survived by her three children, Bennett and wife Suzanne, Kathleen and husband Bob Molino, and Jeffrey; two grandchildren, Kenneth and Bobbie Molino; a brother, Jim Craig; a sister, Jacqueline Craig; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Central City on Friday at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be sent in Janet's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or The Peak to Peak Chorale.

Scott Dornte

ANGOLA — Scott L. Dornte, 45, of Angola and Fort Myers Beach, Fla., died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at his Angola home.

Mr. Dornte had been a bartender at several restaurants in Angola and Fort Wayne in Indiana and Fort Myers Beach in Florida.

He was born June 4, 1965, in Columbus, Ohio, to Allen C. and Carole E. (Bandelier) Dornte. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Harold and Marcella Bandelier of Lake Alfred, Fla.; two brothers, Mark Dornte of Angola and Craig (Shelby) Dornte of Roanoke; four nieces and one nephew.

A funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church or to Pancreatic Cancer Research.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign the online guest book at www.weichtfh.com.



Mr. Dornte

THE NEWS SUN
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Erma Lothamer

AUBURN — Erma J. Lothamer, 77, died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

She was born April 23, 1934, in Auburn to the late J. Albert

and Helen J. (Freeman) Griffin.

Erma worked at Dana Corporation in Auburn for 30 years as a Secretary in the Personnel and Sales Departments before retiring in 1995.

She was an EFAP Committee member at Dana and president of Singles Club in Fort Wayne.

She loved cats, loved to



Mrs. Lothamer

do crafts and having and attending garage sales.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and MaryJo Hullinger of Kendallville and Timothy Hullinger of Auburn and Suzanne Hullinger of Elwood; two grandchildren, Lindsay (Drew) Thomas and Holly (Adam) Hullinger-Sirken; three stepgrandchildren, Samantha Bryant, Jared Barnes and Michael Barnes; a stepgreat-granddaughter, Faith Bryant; and a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia J. and Bernard Rohrer of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, David Griffin.

Services will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Albert Wells

GOSHEN — Albert Lee Wells, 67, of Goshen died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-7 p.m. Friday at the church prior to the service.

Additional visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Potter Funeral Home in West Liberty, Ky.

Additional funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Ezel Cemetery in Ezel, Ky.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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George Parkison

KIMMELL — George Abraham Parkison, formerly of Knapp Lake, died at 3 p.m. April 26, 2011, at Avalon Village, Ligonier, where he had been a resident since December 2009.



Mr. Parkison

He was born February 24, 1920, a son of the late Roy and Bessie (Fuller) Parkison. His formative years were spent in the Wolf Lake area. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1938.

On January 20, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific Theater. He attained the rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged September 28, 1945.

On August 24, 1946, he was united in marriage to Mary Evelyn Wyson. They made their home in Noble County. Mrs. Parkison died January 2, 2004.

He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a diesel mechanic for over 25 years and finished his work career as a mechanic for Central Noble Schools.

He was a member of VFW Post 4717, Wolf Lake.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Suzanne (N. Fay) Earnhart, Columbia City, and Joan R. (Kent) Saggars, Ligonier; two sons, Robert S. (Tamara) Parkison, Crown Point and James R. (Nanette), Larwill; eight grandchildren, Scott (Amanda) Saggars, Matthew Hopper, Jennifer Hopper, Andrew (Cass) Parkison, Daniel (Jenny) Parkison, Nick Parkison, Joe Parkison and Betsy (Andrew)

Schrock; eight great-grandchildren; and his beloved dog, Ginger.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Don Parkison, and a sister, Mary Prince.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Care at Home and Hospice Services of Goshen Hospital or VFW Post 4717, Wolf Lake.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Keith 'Andy' Crow

ST. JOE — Keith Andrew "Andy" Crow, 69, of St. Joe died Thursday, April 28, 2011, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

James Covell

AUBURN — James P. Covell, 73, of Auburn died Wednesday April 27, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 28, 1937, in Auburn to the late Dr. Harry M. and Evadna "Susie" (Dally) Covell.

Jim was a 1955 graduate of Auburn High School. He earned his BS degree and Master's Degree from Michigan State University.

He was a college professor for 28 years at Wright Junior College in Chicago teaching courses in biological sciences until his retirement in 1991.

He was a member of the Friends of the Eckhart Public Library, Auburn YMCA, a life member of National Rifle Association and a life member of Amateur Trap Shooting Association.

He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and also attended Lakewood Park Baptist Church. He liked both churches so he split his time between both.

His interests were conservation, agriculture, animals, education, science and history (especially the Civil War era).



Mr. Covell

Ralph Shumway Jr.

GARRETT — Ralph F. Shumway Jr., 87 of Garrett, died at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Shumway was the assistant manager at Seat Cover



Mr. Shumway

Charlie's in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring in 1986. Following his retirement, he worked at the Garrett Hardware for 23 years.

He was a WW II and Korean War veteran, serving in the Army.

Mr. Shumway was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was also a member of the Garrett American Legion Post #178, where he was the chaplain since 1993 and was a past commander and member of the color guard.

He was born Aug. 28, 1923, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Ralph E. Shumway Sr. and Ruby M. (Benedict) Shumway. He married Evelyn M. Smith on Aug. 23, 1947, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Kim (Kathy) Shumway of Garrett; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and a sister.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Brother Bud Owen officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, with military graveside honors by the U.S. Army and the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to the Garrett American Legion.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Jim is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Jack and Joyce Covell of Auburn; his fiancée, Suzanne Phillips of Waterloo; and his cousins, Linda (Mike) Collins of Texas, Michael Harter of Texas and Charles (Karen) Covell of Florida.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Auburn First United Methodist Church in Auburn with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Russ Howard officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to DeKalb County Humane Shelter or Eckhart Public Library or Auburn YMCA.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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John Myers Jr.

ANGOLA — John Dillard Myers Jr., 80, of Angola died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers had been the plant manager, plant supervisor and in quality control at AK Manufacturing. He retired from there in 1988.

He was a former member of the Odd Fellow Lodge, and a member of the Northeastern Masonic Lodge 210 of Fremont and the York Rite.

Mr. Myers was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Feb. 6, 1931, in Severe County, Tenn., to John Myers Sr. and Hazel (McClure) Myers Combs. He married Jeanna Saunders on Aug. 19, 1949. She died May 30, 2003.

Surviving are two sons, John Myers III of Angola and Donald Myers of Orland; a daughter, Deborah Lynn Myers of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Catherine Bohannen of Birmingham, Ala.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Anthony "Tony" Myers; a brother, Donald Myers; and two sisters, Ruby Allen and Dorothy Pass.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.



Mr. Myers

Carol Kleinhans

ANGOLA — Carol V. Kleinhans, 72, of Angola died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Kleinhans was a member of the Master Gardeners Association of LaGrange, Ind.

She was born December 28, 1938, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Darrel and E. Loraine (Church) Oaks. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Donald R. Kleinhans of Howe, Ind.; four sons, Allen S. Kleinhans of Phoenix, Ariz., Jeff D. Kleinhans of Avon, Conn., Doug J. Kleinhans of Fort Wayne and Tim R. Kleinhans of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Jake, Joel, Brad, Allison, Mallory and Bailey; and a brother, Ken Oaks of Arizona.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sign a guest book online at www.weichtfh.com.

Maxine Carson

ANGOLA — Maxine Elma Carson, 84, of Angola died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Carson was a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

She was born March 13, 1927, in Detroit, Mich., to Frances Ward and Della (Rhone) Butt. She married Alfred P. Carson on June 28, 1947. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul R. (Deneice) Carson of Angola and Kevin J. (Jenette) Carson of Summerville, S.C.; a daughter, Karen (Jeff) Counterman of Angola; a sister, Geraldine Carson of Detroit, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Helen Jean Butt and Marjorie Butt.

Funeral Mass will be at noon Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Sign a guest book online at www.weichtfh.com.



Mrs. Carson

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Sally Bitting

COLUMBIA CITY — Sally Kay Bitting peacefully passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was the youngest daughter of Ford Z. and Mary Emeline Bitting. Sally was born on April 17, 1954, and was a 1972 graduate of Central Noble High School.

She spent most of her adult life in San Diego working for a branch of the federal government.

Sally moved back to Indiana in 2003 to spend more time with her mother. It was during this time that Sally shared her love of gardening and garage sales with her mother.

She is survived by her mother, Emeline Bitting of Columbia City, sisters, Mary Castle of South Bend and Barbara Lockett of Wichita, Kansas; and her brother,

Clifford (Charla) Bitting of Albion. Several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews also survive her.

A memorial service will be held at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, Indiana, on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 2 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Services of Northeastern Indiana.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly Lewis

FORT WAYNE — Beverly M. Lewis, 83, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a. m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Order of the Eastern Star 136 will conduct memorial services at 5 p. m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, in care of Margaret Hoot, 1812 W. Shoaff Road, Hometown, IN 46748.

Kenneth Hatfield

ANGOLA — Kenneth Junior Hatfield, 60, of Angola died Thursday, April 28, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

No services are planned at this time.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Kevin Lude

FORT WAYNE — Kevin L. Lude, 50, died Monday, April 25, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lude was an artist and worked as a computer animator.

He was a native of Fort Wayne.



Mr. Lude

Surviving are his mother, Donna (Michael) Mitchell of Fort Wayne; his father, Leonard (Mae) Lude of Fremont; a daughter, Kassandra Hart of LaGrange, Ky.; a brother, Christopher (Hanna) Lude of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Diana Lude of Fort Wayne and Jennifer (Daniel) Hartzler of Walled Lake, Mich.; a stepsister, Steven Stuck of Brownsburg, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Send condolences online to www.mccombandsons.com.

C. June Parr

KENDALLVILLE — C. June Parr, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 28, 2011, in her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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Keith 'Andy' Crow

ST. JOE — Keith Andrew "Andy" Crow, 69, of St. Joe died Thursday, April 28, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Crow was born February 16, 1942, in Logansport, Indiana, to Richard and Kathryn (Lanz) Crow.



Mr. Crow

Andy was a graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in animal science. While attending college, he played the cornet in the Purdue Band. After graduating, he played in the Purdue Alumni Band, returning every year.

He was a long-standing member, elder, and Sunday School teacher of Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe and for the last several years has been a member, elder, and Sunday School teacher of St. Joe Church of Christ.

Andy was a dedicated public servant. He served on the DeKalb County Eastern School Board from 1978-1996, including eight terms as president. He was serving his third term as a DeKalb County Councilman. He also served on the DeKalb County Fair Board.

He was a member of the St. Joe Lions Club since 1969, serving twice as president.

He also had his private pilot's licenses and loved flying.

He was the co-owner of Crow's Rainbow Farm Center in St. Joe. He retired from National Serv-all in 2001, after 12 years of service.

He married Margie A. Feters on June 1, 1963, in Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe.

Surviving are his wife, Margie Crow of St. Joe; two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Mike Eshbach of St. Joe, and Lori and Keith Crigger of Warsaw, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Evan Eshbach, Emily Eshbach, Jason Kimmel, and Jenny Kimmel; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Pat and Mary Crow of Spencerville, Dan and Amerida Crow of St. Joe, and Mark and Donna Crow of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Terry Brown; and a niece, Delaney Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Michael Booher, Jim Platner, and Doug Holley will be officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Calling will also be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of floral tributes, the family strongly encourages memorials be directed to the St. Joe Church of Christ building fund or St. Joe Lions Club.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Danny Thomas

COLDWATER, Mich. — Danny W. Thomas, 48, of Coldwater passed away on Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, from 1-3 and 4-6 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the funeral home following the visitation.

Danny was born on December 18, 1962, to Evan W. and Bonnie L. (Cramer) Thomas in Coldwater, Michigan.

He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1981 and lived in Coldwater all of his life.

He had worked for the Letica Corporation in Fremont, Ind., and most recently at ADAPT Inc. in Coldwater.

He was proud to be a volunteer firefighter at the Lakeland Fire Department and enjoyed watching NASCAR, the Tigers and the Red Wings.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his son, Jeremy Thomas of Coldwater; his father, Evan Thomas of Coldwater; his brothers, Douglas (Amy) Thomas of Coldwater and Jeffery Thomas of Bronson; his nephews, Chase, Nolan and Wyatt Thomas; his former wife, Beverly Ann Thomas of Christmas, Mich.; and his many aunts and uncles.

Danny was preceded in death by his mother, Bonnie Thomas in 1998.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the COPD Foundation, the American Lung Association or the ALS Association.

Go to www.dutcherfh.com to send online condolences.

June Parr

KENDALLVILLE — C. June Parr, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 28, 2011, in her residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 301 E. Diamond St., Kendallville, with Father James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Norval Poyser

MIDDLEBURY — Norval Donald Poyser, 92, of Middlebury died Friday, April 29, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Golden Rod Community, or the donor's choice.

Kevin Lude

FORT WAYNE — Kevin L. Lude, 50, died Monday, April 25, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lude was an artist and worked as a computer animator.

He was a native of Fort Wayne.



Mr. Lude

Surviving are his mother, Donna (Michael) Mitchell of Fort Wayne; his father, Leonard (Mae) Lude of Fremont; a daughter, Kassandra Hart of LaGrange, Ky.; a brother, Christopher (Hanna) Lude of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Diana Lude of Fort Wayne and Jennifer (Daniel) Hartzler of Walled Lake, Mich.; a stepsister, Bobbie Seymour of Georgia; a stepbrother, Steven Stuck of Brownsburg, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Send condolences online to www.mccombbandsons.com.

'... our hero to the day he died'

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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CORUNNA — Peter Potts was, by all accounts, a hero of epic proportions. He loved his wife, family and prided himself in helping others any way possible.

Potts died April 3 in Corunna and was finally reunited with his beloved wife, Helen, said his son, Marty Potts.

A World War II hero, Peter Potts served in the Army under Gen. George Patton driving tanks. According to Marty Potts, his father was personally requested to join the unit by Patton, himself.

After the war, his father returned to the states and was set up on a blind date by his brother. Helen and Peter Potts fell head over heels in love and married in 1946.

"They were inseparable," Marty Potts said of his parents. "One didn't go anywhere without the other. Dad was deeply devoted to her."

Soon after the Pottses married, they were called by their church to take in a German foster child, displaced after the war. With two sons already, the couple was excited to foster a little girl.

They were surprised, though, when Eduard — a 17-year-old boy — showed up on their doorstep, said daughter Heather Graham. Her parents treated Eduard like one of their own, even though he was only a few years younger than they were at the time.

"They opened their home to Edi and treated him like a son," Graham said. The family kept in touch with Eduard once he returned to Germany, even taking trips abroad to visit.

A skilled carpenter, her father painstakingly built the family's home and several more in the area when he worked as a private contractor, Graham said. He enjoyed helping people fix electrical, plumbing or



Peter Potts enjoys a day in the Potts' family backyard while his four children play happily on a swingset.

carpentry issues with their homes.

"He was very well respected in this town, and people knew him to be honorable," Graham said. "He had a reputation for doing excellent work."

That reputation garnered him a position teaching the building trades class at DeKalb High School. Graham said the school recruited her dad, based on his skills. Even though Peter Potts dropped out of school in eighth grade, he was able to take education training in Indianapolis to become a certified teacher. He remained in that position for 17 years.

Potts' building trades class built one home from the ground up each year, every one a lasting tribute to his dad, Marty Potts said. But more than teaching, his father enjoyed watching the young men in his class learn.

"He would never belittle anyone," Marty Potts said. "He would just show them their error and have them do it over again." He said many of his father's former students attended his funeral and expressed their affection for him.

If the students loved her dad, her dad cared for them just as much, Graham said. And he took immense joy in seeing his students all grown-up.

When the family suffered the death of daughter Sylvia Potts in 1983, Peter Potts adopted his two granddaughters, Sarah and Molly, to ensure they were well taken care of.

"He was our hero," Graham said. "When other kids had superheroes they looked up to, we had dad. He was our hero to the day he died."

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June Parr

KENDALLVILLE — C. June Parr, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday morning, April 28, 2011, in her residence.

Mrs. Parr lived on the farm her grandfather purchased in 1898. On Feb. 2, 2001, June and her family were honored to have the farm registered as a Hoosier Homestead Farm — owned by the same family for over 100 years.

Early in

her marriage, June raised chicks for Steckley's Mill & Hatchery, which were then sold as layers. She also had a 25-year career as a bookkeeper for Johnny Roman Ford, and in later years retiring from a career at L.H. Gunsaulus & Sons. She and Fay raised hogs on their farm. Upon his death, she continued farming and still managed the farm until her death.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and served as a Eucharistic Minister. She enjoyed making pie dough for the 200 pies her church sold at the Apple Festival of Kendallville.

She was a member of the Charm and Chatter Extension Homemakers' Club and served as president and treasurer of the Noble County Extension Homemakers' Clubs. She was Co-Marshall of the 2009 Noble County Fair Parade. June was on the 4-H Committee for over 50 years, during which time she assisted with the livestock auction as secretary and helped in the Floral Hall.



Mrs. Parr

She was a member of 4-H when sewing was the only project offered to girls.

She enjoyed planting a vegetable garden every year, canning and freezing. She was a beautiful seamstress and an excellent cook. Since 1982, she wintered in Lake Placid, Fla.

She was born Jan. 7, 1920, in Wayne Township to Archie E. and Lula (Tartter) Hill. On Nov. 14, 1942, in Kendallville she married Fay E. Parr. He preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis F. and Sandra Parr of Conifer, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca K. and Jon Hostetler of Kendallville; a stepgranddaughter, Rachel Stoler French of Florida; a stepgreat-grandchild, Garrett French of Florida; and a sister-in-law, Virginia M. Hill of Battle Creek, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jane Marie Parr on July 7, 1980, and a brother, Harold W. Hill on June 4, 2005.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 301 E. Diamond St., Kendallville, with Father James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in

Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Wayne Township 4-H Club, or the Noble County Fair Board for the Floral Hall restoration.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Sloffer

CHURUBUSCO —

Robert J. Sloffer, 88, of Churubusco, died at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2011, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling will be at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial with military graveside services will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Shriner's Hospital For Children, 2211 North Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707.

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Mary Lou Smart

KENDALLVILLE —

Mary Lou Smart, 73, lifetime area resident of Kendallville, died on Friday evening, April 29, 2011, at her residence with her family by her side.



Mrs. Smart

Mrs. Smart was born in Kendallville on Oct. 2, 1937, to the Lester Nathan Wolf and Beulah L. (Rothnaul) Lash. She was raised by her step-father, Kenny Lash Sr., and he also preceded her death.

She was married to Donald L. Smart on April 24, 1954 in Angola and last Sunday celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Mary Lou was a homemaker and employed in the past at Superior Sample in Ligonier, Tri-City Discount and American Discount Stores in Kendallville.

She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church, the Eagles Lodge and the American Legion, Post 86, Women's Auxiliary all in Kendallville.

Survivors include her husband, Don Smart of Kendallville; two daughters, Vicki and her husband, Terry McNamara, of Kendallville, and Donna and her husband, John McCoy, of Albion; eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; and a son-in-law, Bill Altimus of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Altimus, her two

sisters, Carolyn Trowbridge and JoAnn Cogan, and her brother, Richard Wolf.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery following services.

Visitation will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Mary by Monday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Mary Jane Thompson

KENDALLVILLE —

Mary Jane Thompson, 69, died on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 9 p.m. at her home in Kendallville.

She was born in Oak Hills, W. Va., on June 28, 1941, and was the daughter of Luther and Irene (Baumgartner) Treadway.

On Jan. 7, 1971, she married John Carl Thompson and he died on Feb. 13, 2011.

She came to the area 39 years ago, coming from Fort Wayne, and was a shipping

clerk.

Surviving are her sons Earl (Becky) Price, John (Jackie) Price, and Terry Baumgartner; daughter Beverly (Randy) Marker; grandchildren, Kristine Pfeiffer, April Marker, McClury, Nick Reeves, Adam Brady, Josh Morris, Joseph Price, Clifford Price, Sandra Price, Stacy Price, Matthew Baumgartner and Terry Baumgartner Jr.; and her brother, David Treadway.

Funeral services for Mrs. Thompson will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday. Burial following the funeral will be at Orange Township Cemetery near Wawaka.

Robert Knudson

AVILLA — Robert J. Knudson, 81, died Friday, April 29, 2011, at 2:30 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla. Calling will be Monday from 6-6:30 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla. A memorial service will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday. Memorials may be made to the Provena Sacred Heart Home Alzheimer's Unit.

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Mary Jane Thompson

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Jane Thompson, 69, passed away with her family at her side on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 9 p.m. at her home in Kendallville.



Thompson

She was born in Oak Hills, West Virginia, on June 28, 1941, and was the daughter of

Luther and Irene (Baumgartner) Treadway.

On Jan. 7, 1971, she married John Carl Thompson, and he died on Feb. 13, 2011.

She came to the area 39 years ago, coming from Fort Wayne, and was a shipping clerk.

Surviving are her sons Earl (Becky) Price, John (Jackie) Price, and Terry Baumgartner; daughter Beverly (Randy) Marker; grandchildren, Kristine Pfeiffer, April Marker-McClurg, Nick Reeves, Adam Brady, Josh Morris, Joseph Price, Clifford Price, Sandra Price, Stacy Price, Matthew Baumgartner and Terry Baumgartner Jr.; nine great-grandchildren; and her brother, David Treadway.

Funeral services for Mrs. Thompson will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday. Burial following the funeral will be at Orange Township Cemetery near Wawaka.

Gloria Iden

CROMWELL — Gloria Iden, of Cromwell died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at North Ridge Village in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Robert Noe

ELKHART — Robert Noe, 78, died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Donald Corbin

PIERCETON — Donald Corbin, 52, of Pierceton died Saturday, April 30, 2011, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Robert Haynes

CHURUBUSCO — Robert E. Haynes, 75, of Churubusco, died Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling will be at the mortuary from 3-8 p. m. Tuesday, or one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Interment with military graveside rites will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.

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Robert Noe

LIGONIER — Robert Allen Noe, 78, passed away Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Elkhart General Hospital.

He was born on August 24, 1932, in Kimmell, Ind., to Claude R. and Luella

L. (Thatcher) Noe. He was the eighth child of ten.

He grew up happily on his parents' farm in Kimmell, Ind. He enlisted in the Army in 1951 and spent time in Hawaii before his deployment to Korea where he saw combat.

On August 22, 1953, he married Loretta L. Minne of Mishawaka, Ind.. They were married 55 years before her passing on September 13, 2008.

He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Christine (Tina) Romaine on November 22, 1974. He was also preceded by five siblings: Claudine Bolen, Norman Noe, Ray T. Noe, Roger Noe and Violet Chenoweth.

He is survived by three children: Kathleen A. (Marvin) Hanson of Edwardsburg, Mich., Michae A. (Tracey) Noe of Ligonier, and Douglas S. Noe of North Webster. His grandchildren are Megan (Cary) Watson, Allison (Jon) Blair, Karen Hanson, Whitney Noe, Morgan Noe, Summer Noe and Nicholas Noe, and one great-grandson, Cooper Watson. He is also survived by four sisters: Alice Deetz, Dorothy Wisniewski, Margaret Leslie and Sharon Chenoweth.



Mr. Noe

Linda Weatherholt

CHURUBUSCO —

Linda Lothamer Weatherholt, 60, of Blue Lake died Sunday at 11:37 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

At the request of the family there will be no services or calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Over the years, Robert was employed by North American Van Lines, co-owned Diamond Green Lawn Care and Rental with his sons, and served as a police officer.

Later in life, he continued his love of police work by volunteering as a security guard at various community functions. Other favorite pastimes included reading, sailing on his sailboat the "Oh My," and wintering in his North Fort Myers, Fla., home.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Noe's honor on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with Pastor Russell Fuhrmann officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind., with military honors conducted by the North Webster American Legion Post 253.

A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions benefit the Loretta & Christine Noe Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Greenwalt

SHREVEPORT, La. — Mary E. Greenwalt, 75, of Shreveport and formerly of Garrett died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, in Shreveport, La.

She is survived by four daughters, Judy Day of Garrett, Sharon Mudd of Shreveport, La., Deanna (Robert) Shafer of Garrett, Christina Hendricks of Shreveport, La.; a son Donald G. Nelson of Auburn; and 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Celia Brumbaugh, and one daughter, Brenda Nelson.

A memorial service will held at a later date.

Larry Reed

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Larry Joe Reed, 50, of Surprise, Ariz., and formerly of Butler, Ind., died Saturday, April 30, 2011, at his home.

No calling or services are planned.

Memorials are to the family in care of Grace Langenfeld.

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Steven Saggars

OLATHE, Kan. — Steven H. Saggars, 68, of Olathe died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at the Olathe Medical Center.

Mr. Saggars was raised in Ligonier, Ind., and had lived in Olathe the past 38 years.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served during the Vietnam War as a military policeman in Newfoundland.

Upon leaving the military, he served as a Kansas Highway Patrolman. Steve then went to work as a bus driver for Trailways for 18 years. He finished his professional career working as a biomedical-technician at Olathe Medical Center for 18 years until he retired in 2005.

He was born Feb. 4, 1943, in Kendallville, Ind., to Harvey and Betty Saggars.

Surviving are his mother, Betty J. Saggars of Ligonier; his wife, Dee M. Saggars, his sons, Eric S. Saggars and Aaron D. Saggars; a daughter, Kristin M. Dickinson of Olathe; a sister, Judy (Maurice) Moser; three brothers, David (Jean) Saggars, Quentin Joe (Sandy) Saggars and Kent (Joni) Saggars, all of Ligonier, Ind.; three grandsons; two granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Harvey J. Saggars.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul Catholic Church, 900 South Honeysuckle Drive, Olathe. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Leavenworth National Cemetery, 150 Muncie Road, Leavenworth, Kan.

Marjorie Rhoden

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Marjorie A. Rhoden, 76, died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Rhoden retired after 18 years at Spangler Candy Co. She had also worked as an EMT for the Farmer Rescue Squad from 1970 to 1980.



Rhoden

She was a member of the Lost Creek Emmanuel Missionary Church.

Mrs. Rhoden loved music, cooking and baking pies.

She was a 1953 graduate of Woodburn High School.

She was born on April 27, 1935, in Woodburn, Ind., the daughter of Otto and Louise (Flentje) Bumpus.

On December 25, 1953, she was united in marriage to Mason Rhoden in Payne, Ohio.

Marjorie is survived by her husband, Mason; two daughters, Kathy (Dave) Byers of Bryan, Ohio, and Pat (Doug) Ayers of St. Joe, Ind.; two sons, Roger (Tomara) of Edgerton, Ohio, and Greg of Auburn, Ind.; (12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen Jean Hardesty of Oakwood, Ohio, and Olieta Bouldry of Fairbury, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three grandsons, Ramsey Rhoden, Nathan Rhoden and Anthony Short; eight sisters, and two brothers.

Services for Marjorie will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Lost Creek Emanuel Missionary Church with Pastor Brian Spangler officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Lost Creek Missionary Fund.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Daniel Widner

HUNTERTOWN — Daniel E. "Dan" Widner, 63 of Huntertown died Monday May 2, 2011, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center, Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home and also 1 hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society.

A full obituary will run in Wednesday's paper.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Hospice House of Olathe Medical Center.

To leave a special message for the family, visit www.PenwellGabelOlathe.com.

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Donald Corbin

LIGONIER — Donald Scott Corbin, age 52, known as "The Mayor of Wilmont" of Wilmont, Ind., passed away unexpectedly early Sunday morning May 1, 2011.



Mr. Corbin

He was born on March 20, 1959, to Donald Corbin and Peggy (Ondersma) McGlothlin in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was self employed and was known for caring for all the needs in the community of Wilmont. Whether someone needed their lawn mowed, something fixed, or just a helping hand he was always there to meet the need.

A natural athlete, he loved to play pool, ping pong, hockey, chess, football, and no matter the sport or task, he always excelled.

He attended the Cromwell United Methodist Church.

Donald will always be remembered for his selfless love of his family and especially his children. Above all else he loved and was dedicated to his Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

He is survived by five children, Jessica, Halley, Ashley, and Tonya Corbin all of Garrett, Ind., and Izaiah Vandezande of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two grandchildren; his mother, Peggy McGlothlin of Garrett; four siblings, Mark (Kary) Hirschey of Larwill, Ind., Heidi Harlan of Garrett, Lyle McGlothlin of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Lynda McGlothlin of Garrett; his best friend, Les of North Webster; and last but not least, his dog Zeus.

Gloria Iden

KIMMELL — Gloria Glee Iden, age 88, of Kimmell, Indiana, died at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 2011, at North Ridge Village in Albion.



Mrs. Iden

She was born on March 12, 1923.

She graduated from Cromwell High School in 1941 and was the valedictorian of the class.

On March 25, 1944, she married Junior D. Iden. He is deceased.

She was a homemaker, farmer, and office secretary. She was employed at Wirk Garment Corp. and Sorg Products in Ligonier. She retired from Dana Corp. in Churubusco in 1983 and later Precision Automotive in Syracuse in 1990.

A lifetime area resident, she was a member of the Broadway Christian Church and the Gideon's International Auxiliary. She served in various offices in these organizations.

She was also a member of the West Noble Civic Club, Danamites and a volunteer of the Goshen General Hospital and the Red Cross.

Surviving are one son, Terry A. Iden, Kimmell; three daughters, Becky G. Miller, Elkhart, Linda J. Barhydt, Goshen and Trudy A. White, Titusville, Fla.; four grandchildren, Megan J. Miller-Cummings, Keegan D. Barhydt, Kipp A. Barhydt and Jeffrey B. White; three great-granddaughters, Reese D. Barhydt, Peyton M. White and Kalea J. Cummings; and two great-grandsons, Riley A. Barhydt and Nathan P. White.

No public visitation or services are planned.

Memorials are to the Gideon's International or Broadway Christian Church.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

A funeral service will be held in Donald's honor on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 7 p.m. at Yeager funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767, with Pastor Dave officiating.

Friends may call from 5-7 p.m. prior to the service.

A private family committal will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Jack Deter

KENDALLVILLE —
Jack D. Deter, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, May 2, 2011, in his residence.

Mr. Deter has lived in this area since 1966, coming from El Paso, Texas.



Mr. Deter

He worked as a mechanic. He also worked in maintenance at Kraft Foods in Kendallville. He retired as a millwright from Kirsch in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Deter served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the Howe United Methodist Church, VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, and American Legion Post 341 in Rome City. He was a Boy Scout member and leader for 60 years.

He was born Jan. 2, 1928, in Sturgis, Mich., to Russell and Opal (Chrystler) Deter. He married Mary J. Etie Nov. 18, 1950, in Las Cruces, N.M. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda (Harold "Skip") Meggison of Sturgis and Deanna (Jerry) Anderson of Kendallville; four sons, Rick (Sue) Deter of Albion, Allen (Michelle) Deter of Pretty Lake, Russell Deter of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ron (Cathy) Deter of South Milford; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard (Beatrice) Deter of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating.

Honor guard services will be conducted at the funeral home by VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 341, and active duty members of the U.S. Army.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Daniel Widner

HUNTERTOWN —
Daniel E. "Dan" Widner, 63, of Huntertown died Monday, May 2, 2011, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Widner

Mr. Widner owned and operated Custom Research & Tabulations Inc. of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and Jester's Club.

He was born June 22, 1947, in Fort Wayne.

His mother Luella M. (Hanauer) Fortman lives in Auburn and his father and stepmother, Charles and Gladys Sue Widner, also are of Auburn.

Along with his parents he is survived by three brothers, Larry (Hope) Widner of Auburn, Jim (Cindy) Fortman of Fort Wayne and Al (Sue) Woodcox of Bowling Green, Ky.; a sister, Bev Oberlin of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center, Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Donald Cummins

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Cummins, 77, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Dale Shafer

LAGRANGE — Dale E. Shafer, 88, of LaGrange died Monday, May 2, 2011, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Pastor Jeff Sledge of the Scott Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery.

Galen Schultz

ANGOLA — Galen Edmond Schultz, 48, of Angola died Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Apple Orchard Pavilion at Pokagon State Park near Angola.

A carry-in dinner will follow. RSVP to Erica Schultz 567-204-1941 or Sara Green 243-4439.

Paul Brubaker

SHIPSHEWANA — Paul W. Brubaker, 82, of Shipshewana died Tuesday afternoon at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka.

Additional arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Herbert Bausch

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Herbert Bausch, 81, died Thursday, March 10, 2011.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn, with John Manon officiating.

A reception will follow the service at Saint Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 320 W. Fourth St., Auburn.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is assisting the family with local arrangements.

Martin Kretzmann

KENDALLVILLE — Martin Joel Kretzmann, 57, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Harold Bitner Jr.

SYRACUSE — Harold "Junior" Bitner Jr., 87, of Syracuse, died at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, Syracuse, with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmel.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse. A Masonic service will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

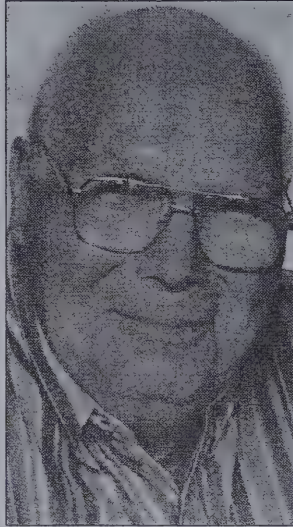
Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel or Masonic Lodge #705.

Memorial bequests may be given to the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, P.O. Box 544, Syracuse, IN 46567 or Masonic Lodge # 705, P.O. Box 354, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Robert E. Haynes, 75

Robert E. Haynes, 75, a resident of Churubusco, passed away at 2:20 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered an apparent brain hemorrhage unexpectedly on Thursday.

Mr. Haynes was born on June 26, 1935 in Garrett, a son of Morris and Cleatus (Thompson) Haynes, and as a young man served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. On August 27, 1962, he was married in Garrett to Jean Zimmerman. The couple lived in Fort Wayne for a period, and moved to the Churubusco area 34 years ago.



Employed as a drywall finisher and painter for most of his adult life, he retired from Tri-State Decorating in Fort Wayne in 1997. Following his retirement he was employed by the Albion New Era and the Churubusco News.

He was a member and past master of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, was commander of Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846, and was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.

The surviving relatives include his wife Jean; his daughter Kimberly (Marc) Pape of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren Zachary Pape and Krista (Steven) Sanavongsay; and a great-grandson Alec. His parents preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Kevin Wendt, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, officiating.

Interment with military graveside rites was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, Indiana 46725.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Haynes' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Sally Kay Bitting, 57

Sally Kay Bitting, peacefully passed away on April 28, 2011 at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was the youngest daughter of Ford Z. and Mary Emeline Bitting. Sally was born on April 17, 1954 and was a 1972 graduate of Central Noble High School.

She spent most of her adult life in San Diego working for a branch of the Federal Government. Sally moved back to Indiana in 2003 to spend more time with her mother.

It was during this time that Sally shared her love of gardening and garage-saling with her mother.

She is survived by her mother, Emeline Bitting of Columbia City; sisters, Mary Castle of South Bend, Barbara Lockett of Wichita, Kansas; her brother, Clifford (Charla) Bitting of Albion. Several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial service was held at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, Indiana on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Services of Northeastern Indiana.

Rick D. Grable, 57

Rick D. Grable, age 57, of Big Lake, Noble County, IN, died at 11:14 p.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at his residence. Born on July 5, 1953, he was the son of the late Richard D. and Barbara J. (VanHouten) Grable.

He was a graduate of Central Noble High School with the Class of 1971.

He then went on to earn his real estate and brokers license. Since 1989 he has owned and operated his own real estate firm, Grable and Associates Realty in Columbia City. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #189.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Rhonda Grable of Big Lake; son, Christopher (Jennifer) Grable of Charlestown, IN; daughter, Angela (Mauro) Grable-Garcia of Columbia City; son, Chad (Angela) Rosales of Noblesville, IN; brother, Rev. Timothy (Cheri) Grable of Fort Wayne; sisters, Wendy (Roger) Shisler of Ballston Spa, NY and Lesa (Randy) Corkwell of Valparaiso, IN; grandchildren, Tyler and Devon Weber and Keanu Garcia-Neto, all of Columbia City, and Riley Grable of Charlestown, IN. He was also a 20 year friend of Bill W. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service was Monday, May 2, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Pastor Timothy Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating. Burial followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, IN. Memorials in Mr. Grable's memory can be made to the Colin McIntire's Muscular Dystrophy Fund c/o Markle Bank. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To sign the guest register or send the family a condolence, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Gloria Glee Iden, 88

Gloria Glee Iden, age 88, Kimmell, Indiana died at 5:00 p.m. at North Ridge Village in Albion on Sunday, May 1, 2011. She was born on March 12, 1923.

She graduated from Cromwell High School in 1941 and was the valedictorian of the class. On March 25, 1944 she married Junior D. Iden who is deceased. She was a homemaker, farmer, and office secretary. She was employed at Wirk Garment Corp. and Sorg Products in Ligonier. She retired from Dana Corp. in Churubusco in 1983 and later Precision Automotive in Syracuse in 1990.



A lifetime area resident, she was a member of the Broadway Christian Church and the Gideon's International Auxiliary. She served in various offices in these organizations. She was a member of the West Noble Civic Club, Danamites, volunteer of the Goshen General Hospital and the Red Cross.

Surviving is one son, Terry A. Iden, Kimmell; three daughters, Becky G. Miller, Elkhart, Linda J. Barhydt, Goshen and Trudy A. White, Titusville, FL; four grandchildren, Megan J. Miller-Cummings, Keegan D. Barhydt, Kipp A. Barhydt and Jeffrey B. White; three great-granddaughters, Reese D. Barhydt, Peyton M. White and Kalea J. Cummings; and two great-grandsons, Riley A. Barhydt and Nathan P. White.

No public visitation or services are planned.

Memorials are to the Gideon's International or Broadway Christian Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Robert J. Sloffer, 88

Robert J. Sloffer, 88, a resident of Churubusco and widely acquainted Churubusco businessman and community leader, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2011 at the family residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Sloffer was born in Huntertown on June 7, 1922, a son of Milo and Bertha (Dunten) Sloffer, and spent his formative years in that area. He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1940 and as a young man served with the U. S. Army during World War II.



On April 4, 1942 he was married to Doris M. Gordon, and along with his father-in-law, the late Walter Gordon, was co-owner of Gordon & Sloffer, Inc. in Churubusco for 41 years, retiring in 1986.

In addition to his business concerns, his life was marked by memberships and active participation in a variety of civic and fraternal organizations. He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church; and was a 50 year member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, and the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne.

In addition, he was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846, and was a charter member of the Churubusco Lions Club.

The surviving relatives include his wife Doris, to whom he was married for 69 years; his son Robert J. (Sandy) Sloffer, Jr. of Churubusco; three daughters Diane (Bruce) Fletter of Grand Rapids, Mich., Karlin (Terry) Shively of Whitehouse, OH, and Jan Patnella of Holiday, FL; a sister Hilda Shively of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother John Sloffer; and by three sisters Marie Bosler, Helen Stonestreet, and Marcella Hoyer.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Corinne K. Boruff, officiating.

Interment with military graveside rites was held in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Shriners' Hospital For Children, 2211 North Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Sloffer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Mary Lou Smart, 73

Mary Lou Smart, age 73, lifetime area resident of Kendallville, died on Friday evening, April 29, 2011, at her residence with her family by her side.

Mrs. Smart was born in Kendallville on October 2, 1937 to Lester Nathan Wolf and Beulah L. (Rothnaul) Lash. She was raised by her step-father, Kenny Lash, Sr., and he also preceded her death.

She was married to Donald L. Smart on April 24, 1954 in Angola and last Sunday celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Mary Lou was a homemaker and employed in the past at Superior Sample in Ligonier, Tri-City Discount and American Discount Stores in Kendallville.

She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church, the Eagles Lodge and the American Legion, Post 86, Women's Auxillary all in Kendallville.

Survivors include her husband, Don Smart of Kendallville; daughters, Vicki and her husband, Terry McNamara of Kendallville, Donna and her husband, John McCoy of Albion; eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; son-in-law, Bill Altimus of Wawaka.

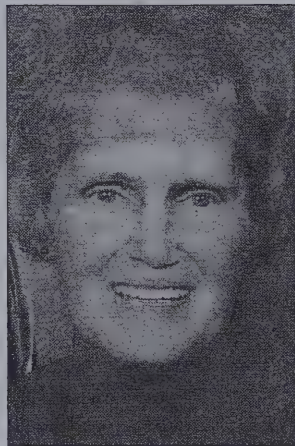
She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Altimus; her two sisters, Carolyn Trowbridge and JoAnn Cogan; and her brother, Richard Wolf.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel. Burial was at South Milford Cemetery following services.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.



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Robert James Byer, 85

Robert James Byer, 85 went to his heavenly home Saturday, April 30, 2011, in Fort Wayne.

He was born October 27, 1925 near Marshall, Michigan, a son of the late Herbert and Ruby Laukhart Byer. A 1944 graduate of the Wolf Lake High School, he served in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II.

Following his discharge from Navy, he returned to Noble County where he farmed until retiring at age 75.

On November 19, 1949, he was united in marriage to Lois Shively, who survives him.

Robert loved teaching the youth of the Ormas Baptist Church for forty-seven years. He wanted the youth to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Strive to live for the Lord.

In later years, he was the head of the Ormas Baptist Mission Board for over thirteen years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five children, Beverly (Rick) Merritt of AZ, Kevin Byer of CA, Cheryl (Robert) Broxon of IN, James (Stacia) Byer of CA and Michele (James) Crowley of IN; 10 grandchildren: Shane Merritt, Joshua (Mary) McClain, Laura (Christian) de Veer, Carrie Broxon, Craig (Lauren) Broxon, Kyle Broxon, Grant and Garrett Byer, Danielle (Robby) Schultz and Megan Crowley; 5 great-grandchildren: Jordan and Tyler Merritt, Ruby and Paul McClain and Serena Broxon; a sister, Mary Lou (Les) Phipps and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Eugene Byer, Betty Wolfe, Kathryn Holt and Herbert Junior Byer.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Christian Chapel Church in Merriam with Rev. Terry Zolman, officiating. The visitation will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church. The burial will be in the Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Preferred memorials may be made to the University Baptist Church for Mark Lehman, a Missionary to Taiwan; Box 1643, Clemson, SC 29633.

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

May 4, 2011, Wednesday

Mary Jane Thompson, 69

Mary Jane Thompson, age 69, died on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 9:00 p.m. at her home in Kendallville.

She was born in Oak Hills, West Virginia on June 28, 1941 and was the daughter of Luther and Irene (Baumgartner) Treadway.

On January 7, 1971, she married John Carl Thompson, who died on February 13, 2011.

She came to the area 39 years ago coming from Fort Wayne and was a shipping clerk.

Surviving are her sons Earl (Becky) Price, John (Jackie) Price, and Terry Baumgartner; daughter Beverly (Randy) Marker; her brother David Treadway; grandchildren, Kristine Pfeiffer, April Marker-McClury, Nick Reeves, Adam Brady, Josh Morris, Joseph Price, Clifford Price, Sandra Price, Stacy Price, Matthew Baumgartner, and Terry Baumgartner Jr.

Funeral services for Mrs. Thompson were on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Ken Weaver officiated.

Burial followed the funeral at Orange Township Cemetery near Wawaka.

Robert J. Knudson, 81

Robert J. Knudson, age 81, died on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 2:30 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mr. Knudson was born in Elmhurst, Illinois on October 27, 1929 and was the son of Emmons and Mildred (Cox) Knudson. He came to Avilla three years ago from Polo, Illinois.

He was a sales representative and retired from there in 1976. He enjoyed golfing, singing in the church choir, reading and walking. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.



representative for HWI in 1976. He enjoyed church choir, reading and avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.

Mr. Knudson was also a United States Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and John Sobczak of Fort Wayne; and a son and daughter in law, Mike and Noreen Knudson of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; grandchildren, Kyle, Matthew, Corri, Benjamin and Abigail; his former wife, Nancy Doster of Fort Wayne; a brother, Norm Knudson; and a sister, Barb.

Preceding him in death are his parents; companion AnnaBelle Owens; brothers, Pete and Jim; and sisters, Buzz, Marge and Jeanie.

A memorial service was held on Monday evening following visitation. Tom Novy from Provena Sacred Heart Home officiated.

Memorials may be made to the Provena Sacred Heart Home Alzheimer's Unit.



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Memorial to Angola Four

Employees of Awning & Sign Contractors, Angola, erected a memorial to the Angola Four who died in a crash March 26 in Alabama. The memorial is near the northbound lanes of I-65 near the 199.5 mile marker, where Angola High School seniors Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer were killed. ASC employees who erected the sign were on their way to a job in Alabama. They received help in fabricating the memorial from the Angola Wire Products staff.

Thank You

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude to those who expressed their sympathy and helpfulness to us so beautifully at the time of our recent sorrow. Without the wonderful care provided by Lutheran Life Village and Parkview Noble Hospice, we would not have had the precious last years with our Mother. We extend our thanks to New Freedom Baptist Church for their service and to all those who sang so beautifully at her funeral. And, thank you to Young Family Funeral Home for their care and understanding. May God bless you all.

*The Family of
Bonnie Combs Bloomer*

Marion Hanes

HAMILTON — Marion Onalee Hanes, 95 years, passed away at 2:24 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2011, at Lutheran Life Village, Kendallville, where she had been a resident the past two years.

Onalee was born August 14, 1915, in Beaverton, Michigan, to the late Grover Victor and Leah Betsy (Snyder) Klinkel.

She was a 1933 graduate of Butler High School, and then graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne in 1935.

She married Robert Lyle Hanes on September 4, 1936, in Hamilton. He preceded her in death on October 9, 2000.

Onalee and her husband Robert were co-owners of Hanes Electric in Hamilton for 20 years. Ten years later, she retired as a bookkeeper from the former General Telephone Company in Angola.

She and her family were active members of the Hamilton United Methodist Church. She had formerly been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She and her husband were very active in her children's lives and many family weekends were spent at their home on Hamilton Lake. They moved to Leesburg, Florida, following retirement, before returning to Indiana in 2000.

Surviving are her three children, David F. (Linda) Hanes of Valparaiso, Indiana; Bobbie (Victor) Nantz of Rome City, Indiana; and Onalee Ann (William) Coburn of St. Joe, Indiana; six grandchildren, Kelly (Virgil) Jackson of Rome City, Indiana; Kerry (Christopher) Frymier Sr. of Midland, Michigan; William (Rosanna) Coburn of Orland, Indiana; Amy (Robert) Hillegass of Auburn, Indiana.

Robert (Amy) Hanes of Elburn, Illinois and Dr. Corey (Wendy) Hanes of Neenah, Wisconsin, and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Max Klinkel; a sister, Frances Cleland; and a grandson, Nicholas Ryan Hillegass.

Funeral services for Marion Onalee Hanes will be held at noon, Monday, May 9, 2011, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with Pastor Jack Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation for Onalee will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home and last until the start of services at noon.

Memorial contributions in the name of Marion Onalee Hanes may be given to Parkview Noble Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Train kills woman; death ruled suicide

CORUNNA — A rural Kendallville woman died Tuesday night when she was struck by a train in what has been ruled a suicide.

A westbound train hit the woman at 9:55 p.m. at the Norfolk Southern crossing on DeKalb C.R. 3, two miles west of Corunna, according to DeKalb County Police. DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner confirmed Wednesday that her death was a suicide.

Police were called to the scene to investigate an unoccupied Ford Taurus parked partially in the roadway of C.R. 3 near the tracks, just south of U.S. 6. Shortly afterward, Norfolk Southern reported a body lying along the tracks, just west of the crossing. The woman, 50, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Indiana State Police investigated the death with assistance from the coroner, DeKalb County Police, Norfolk Southern Railroad Police and the Corunna Fire Department.

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Kathryn Cram

COLDWATER, Mich. — Kathryn E. Cram, 88, of Coldwater, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.



Mrs. Cram

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater with Pastor Gene Cobb from the First Church of Christ officiating.

The family will receive friends prior to the service on Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m.

Interment will be at a later date at East Gilead Cemetery.

Kathryn was born June 30, 1922, in Coldwater, Mich., to Walter and Eva (McCarter) Birch. She married Clifton G. Cram in 1945. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1988.

Mrs. Cram was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker. She had worked for Wagner's Factory in Reading for 12 years and together, with her husband, they owned and operated Cliff's Wrecking Service for many years.

Kathryn was a member of the Women's Relief Corp of Coldwater and she enjoyed cooking, ceramics and embroidery.

She was an avid reader but most of all, she enjoyed taking care of her family and friends and spending precious time with her grandchildren.

She had a special way of always making everyone feel important.

Martin Kretzmann

KENDALLVILLE — Martin Joel Kretzmann, 57, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in his residence.

Mr. Kretzmann was employed at St. John Lutheran Church.



Mr. Kretzmann

He received his PhD from the University of Denver. He was a professor of sociology while in Colorado.

He resided in this area for 10 years, coming from Colorado.

Mr. Kretzmann was a member and trustee of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 30, 1953, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the Rev. Gerhard and Elizabeth (Pfaffman) Kretzmann.

Surviving are his wife, Kim Callihan-Kretzmann of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Kris (Rob) Dodley of Columbus, Ohio, and Wendy Hunt of Canal Fulton, Ohio; three grandchildren; a sister, Ann (Steven) Hansen of Forsyth, Mo.; three brothers, Walter Kretzmann of Marshalltown, Iowa, Eric (Kris) Kretzmann of Mansfield, Ohio, and Kurt (Judi) Kretzmann of Fort Mitchell, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Kathryn is survived by her sons, Lawrence (Alice) Birch and Dale (Janice) Cram, all of Coldwater; her daughter, Bonnie Cram of Coldwater; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Delores Deller; her granddaughter, Lori Reed; and her brothers, Harold and Walter Birch.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Assoc.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dutcherfh.com.

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Donald Cummins

KENDALLVILLE — Donald E. Cummins, age 77, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.



**Mr.
Cummins**

Mr. Cummins was born in Connersville, Indiana, on May 12, 1933, to the late Harry Cummins and Caroline (Dillingham) Murray.

He graduated from Connersville High School in 1951, as well as from Indiana University with a business degree.

He served his country during the Korean War in the United States Marine Corps.

Currently, Don worked as an independent sales representative for the past 20 years with Rubber Seal Products of Dayton, Ohio.

After he graduated from college, he was a store manager for W.T. Grant in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio for 16 years.

Don loved spending time with loved ones and friends.

He enjoyed living the past 29 years on the farm and took great pride in keeping the house, lawn and garden looking nice.

He was a Bobby Knight and Indiana Basketball fan and also followed Bobby when he coach at Texas Tech.

Don also loved his English mastiff, Simon.

Survivors include his companion of 34 years, Catherine Link of Kendallville; three daughters and their husbands; one son and daughter-in-law; many grandchildren; a sister, Betty, and her husband, Roger McGriff, of Shelbyville, Indiana; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Lowell Murray, and one niece.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, May 5, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Leon Pomeroy.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Military honors at the graveside will be provided by the Kendallville VFW Post #2749 and Rome City American Legion Post #381, along with active duty Army National Guard troops.

Preferred memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Don at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jeanette Mast

AUBURN — Jeanette I. Mast, 83, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Arrangements are pending with Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

A full obit will appear in Friday's edition.

Robert Laymon

KENDALLVILLE — Robert M. Laymon, 53, died Monday, May 2, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with calling after noon.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Brubaker

SHIPSHEWANA — Paul W. Brubaker, 82, of Shippshewana died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka.

Graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Friday at Yellow Creek Mennonite Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Emma Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to the Menno-Clinic, India.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Luella Allen

WAWAKA — Luella M. Allen, age 84, of Wawaka passed away on

Wednesday, April 4, 2011, at 3:25 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.



Mrs. Allen

She was born on January 17, 1927, to Maurice and Mildred (Myers) Schlabach in Noble County, Indiana. On April 21, 1946, she married Charles J. Allen in Cromwell, Indiana. He preceded her in death on January 29, 2005.

Mrs. Allen was a lifetime area resident and was a very talented seamstress. She had worked for Sroufe Manufacturing Company, and Frick Services where she was known as "Cookie."

She is survived by two children, Robert "Bob" (Jennie) Allen of Wawaka and Lucinda "Cindy" (David) Rose of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Charles, Katie, Cassie, Weston, and Wyatt.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a grandson, Chester James Allen; and three siblings, Adrian Schlabach, Ruth Doan and Mabel Schlabach.

There will be a funeral service held in Mrs. Allen's honor on Saturday May 7, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Diana Siegal officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

There will be a time of visitation from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to Parkview Noble Hospice or the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Linda Linnemeier

ATTICA — Linda D. Linnemeier of Attica, former owner of the Angola Dairy Queen, died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at St. Elizabeth Central Hospital in Lafayette.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola.

Loretta McKean

KENDALLVILLE — Loretta McKean, 50, died Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mary Lehman

LIGONIER — Mary B. Lehman, 88, of Ligonier Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at Avalon Village Nursing Care, Ligonier.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Wilbur Lehman residence, 8490 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Wilbur Lehman Residence. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery, Topeka. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Douglas Christian

AVILLA — Douglas Christian, 52, died Friday, April 1, 2011 at his residence in Avilla.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at South Milford Independent Baptist Church on S.R. 3, with Pastor Earl Bolen officiating.

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Harley Mantle

KENDALLVILLE — Harley E. Mantle, age 87, of Kendallville, Ind., passed away at 6:49 a.m.

Thursday, May 5, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.



Mr. Mantle

Born March 18, 1924 in Columbia City, Ind., he was the son of Solomon and Blanche D. (Worrick) Mantle.

He attended Washington Center School in Whitley County.

He lived on Carroll Road, Allen County, prior to building a new home in 1955. In 1964, he moved to his current home in Kendallville.

He proudly served in the United States Army from 1944-1946.

On June 3, 1944, he married Valetta Adele Morrissey at Washington Center EBU Parsonage.

For 34 years, he worked as a semi driver for Ellis Trucking Company, Indianapolis, which sold to Navajo then to ABE, Fort Wayne. In 1985, he retired as a truck driver to farm full time, retiring from farming in 1995.

His memberships included the American Legion in Avilla, Disabled American Veterans, VFW Post 5582 and Eagles Lodge 1906, Columbia City, Teamster Local 414 and a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge, Kendallville.

Survivors include a daughter, Ramonda Kay (Hugh) DeLong of Albion; grandchildren, Martin Mantle of Kendallville, Aron (Carrie) Mantle of Orland, Karla Mantle, Mary Day and Randall (Brandi) Reber all of Kendallville and Daniel DeLong of Albion; great-grandchildren, Benjamin Handshoe, Elizabeth Mantle, Zachary Mantle, David Rupert Jr., Austin, Emily and Hunter Reber and Caydan DeLong; a daughter-in-law, Jean Mantle of Kendallville; and a brother, Roger Mantle of Salt Lake City, Utah.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Arden DeWayne Mantle; an infant daughter, Vickie Adele Mantle; two brothers, Robert and Glenn Mantle, and three sisters, Evelyn Bernardin, Wilda Ernst and Peggy Briggs.

Visitation is Sunday, May 8, 2011, from 2-6 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, Ind.

Funeral service is Monday, May 9, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Bret Frymier of Asbury United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mr. Mantle to the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Loretta McKean

KENDALLVILLE — Loretta A. McKean, 50, of rural Kendallville died Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Mrs. McKean was an administrative assistant and

employed with Lincoln Financial Group in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from Carroll High School in 1978.

Mrs. McKean was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 2, 1960, to Robert and Sonia (Bohde) Bercot. She married Robert S. McKean on Nov. 2, 2003, in the Smokey Mountains. He survives in rural Kendallville.

Also surviving are five grandchildren; her parents, Robert and Sonia Bercot of Fort Wayne; her sister, Marie Bercot and her companion, Tom, of Fort Wayne; two nieces; two great-nieces; and her father and mother-in-law, Roy and Louise McKean of Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville, with a memorial service at 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Glenn Messmore

NORTH WEBSTER — Glenn W. Messmore of North Webster, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 6:50 a.m. at Hubbard Hill Estates, Elkhart, Indiana, at the age of 90.

He was born on December 10, 1920, in Wabash County, Indiana, to George Messmore and Ethel (Besse) Messmore.

Glenn was married on May 16, 1970, to Eva Dawson, who passed away on July 26, 2009.

He was a 1938 graduate of Claypool High School and a former resident of Kosciusko County, Indiana.

During his lifetime, he owned pastry shops in St. Joseph, Michigan, and Washington, Indiana. In 2007, he retired as a real estate broker from John's Realty in Ligonier, Indiana.

He enjoyed sports, reading, fishing and gardening.

Surviving are his daughters, Carolyn (Wilber) Berry, Jan (the late Robert) Hamman, and Judy (the late Todd) Cantwell, all of South Bend, Indiana; a son, Dennis (the late Carla) Messmore of Warsaw, Indiana; two stepdaughters, Cheryl (Bill) Perkette of Indian River, Michigan, and Paula (Gary) Powers of Glendale, Arizona; six grandchildren; and nine grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister, Marie Trump, Pierceton, Indiana; a brother, Gene Messmore, Warsaw, Indiana; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one sister, Doris Williamson, and four brothers, Robert, Gerald, Earl and Wayne Messmore.

His funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, Indiana.

There will be visitation an hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m.

Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton, Indiana.

Memorial donations in Glenn's memory can be made to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Jeanette Mast

AUBURN — Jeanette I. Mast, 83, passed from this life to be with Jesus on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, surrounded by her children.

She was born on November 30, 1927, in Fort Wayne,

Ind., to the late Donald and Elsie (Diedrich) Pettit, and resided much of her life in DeKalb County. She married Keith Mast on December 1, 1972 and he preceded her in death in 2004.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Gene and Ken Pettit.

Surviving are her sons, Kenneth (Leola), Chuck and John Stout; daughters, Marsha (Max) Doctor, Cindy Zook and Debbie Cauley; and many grandchildren.

Calling will be held today, Friday, May 6, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Russ Abel officiating.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.



Mrs. Mast

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Buford Shepherd

LIGONIER — Buford Shepherd, age 83, of Ligonier, died on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at his home.

Mr. Shepherd was born in Mid, Ky., on January 11, 1928, to the late Wilson and Alice (Allen) Shepherd.

He married Marie Smith on May 9, 1947, in Prestonsburg and she preceded his death September 9, 2009.

Buford was a railroader and employed with for CSX for 25 years as a track repairman and driver before retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City and enjoyed attending faithfully.

Buford loved raising his garden each year, riding around on his golf cart, reading and keeping current with the news around the world.

Survivors include, two daughters, Evelyn and Terry Long of Ligonier and Linda and Charles Kline of LaGrange; three sons,

Marvin Ray Shepherd of Goshen, Buford and Elmira Shepherd of Wolcottville and Larry and Gretta Shepherd of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sarah Handshoe of Garrett, Indiana, and Amy Hale of Hueysville, Kentucky.

He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Margie Oney and Margaret Hale; and brothers, Wilkie, Hubert, George, Luther, Herald, Edward, and three infants.

Visitation will be Friday, May 6, 2011, from 4-6 p.m. at the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville on State Road 3 at Lisbon Road. There will be evening services at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Harbor Of Love

Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Shawn Shepherd.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons, Eric Murphy, Scott Murphy, Marvin Shepherd, Darrell Shepherd, Danny Shepherd, Sam Shepherd and Zack Shepherd.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Buford by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

David McLaughlin

ANGOLA — Graveside services for David M. McLaughlin, 74, of Indianapolis will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Mr. McLaughlin died Sunday, May 10, 2009, at his home in Indianapolis.

He had retired in 2000 from Share Financial Services Inc. He received a recognition award for his contribution of 28 years to the title industry in June 1985 by Land Title Association of Colorado. He started with Lawyers Title Insurance Co. in Indianapolis.

Mr. McLaughlin graduated from Willard High School in 1952 and in 1956 graduated from Tri-State College (Trine University) as a civil engineer.

He was a member of the East 91st Street Christian Church, Indianapolis, and served churches from 1986.

He was born Nov. 15, 1934, to C. Virgil and Beatrice (Myers) McLaughlin in Willard, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mattie Wisner McLaughlin; his son, Daniel James; a sister, Coleen (Robert) Kime; a sister-in-law Carol; and several nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lanny Allen McLaughlin.

Memorials are to the South African Christian Missionary, 789 Lester Road, Reading, MI 49274.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

You may sign the guestbook at

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James Morris

ROME CITY — James Morris, 76, of Rome City died Thursday, May 5, 2011, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Dean Ayers

CHURUBUSCO — Dean L. Ayers, 92, of Churubusco died Thursday, May 5, 2011.

Funeral services will be at 11 a. m. on Monday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723; or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

James Havert

ROME CITY — James Albert Havert, 76, of Rome City died Friday.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. at the church. A Rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to the services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

A life of love, activity, goodness

June Parr devoted time to others

BY DENNIS NARTKER

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KENDALLVILLE — In her mid-80s and less than a year after hip surgery, June Parr was fly fishing on Colorado's Frying Pan River. She caught and released 10 trout that day.

When she was 89, Mrs. Parr joined a group of young children for a game of musical chairs on a November Day in Pokagon State Park.

In her later years, she climbed to the top of the bleachers at the East Noble football field with her family to watch the Fourth of July fireworks over Bixler Lake.

Mrs. Parr ran up the stairs going into her home, not walking as most people in their late 80s do, and she rode her bicycle from the family farm north of Kendallville to visit her childhood friend and neighbor Fern Cochard, said Pat Cochard, Fern Cochard's daughter.

"They played together as kids, and my mother would tell stories about June climbing our mulberry tree, not just to eat mulberries, but because she loved to climb trees," Pat Cochard said.

Mrs. Parr canned and froze vegetables from her vegetable garden each year and helped her daughter-in-law discover a new recipe for cookies. She helped make pie dough for 400 apple pies each year to raise money for her church at the Apple Festival of Kendallville.

This active lifestyle started much earlier in her life. Her daughter, Becky, recalls when she was a young girl how her mother stayed busy from sunup to sundown:

"I remember many times as a child, on cold, snowy days, she would come into the house from doing the evening chores on the farm and say, 'We have time for a fast game of fox and geese before supper.' My sister and I would throw on our coats and go outside and play with her in the snow."

Mrs. Parr lived an active life devoted to helping others.

She was a member of the Noble County 4-H committee for more than 50 years and the Charm and Chatter Extension Homemakers' Club and served as president and treasurer of the Noble County Extension Homemakers' Clubs. Through her volunteer involvement in 4-H, she devoted thousands of hours to Noble County 4-H activities and showed thousands of women and children how to cook and sew.

"Simply put, mom had a servant's heart," said Becky. "She wanted to make sure everyone else was taken care of before she took care of herself. She would not sit down at the dinner or supper table until everything was perfect, always popping up and down."

The Rev. James Stoyke of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville described this long-time parishioner, wife, mother and grandmother in this way: "June Parr lived a life of love, of activity, of goodness. She pleased God by loving her family."

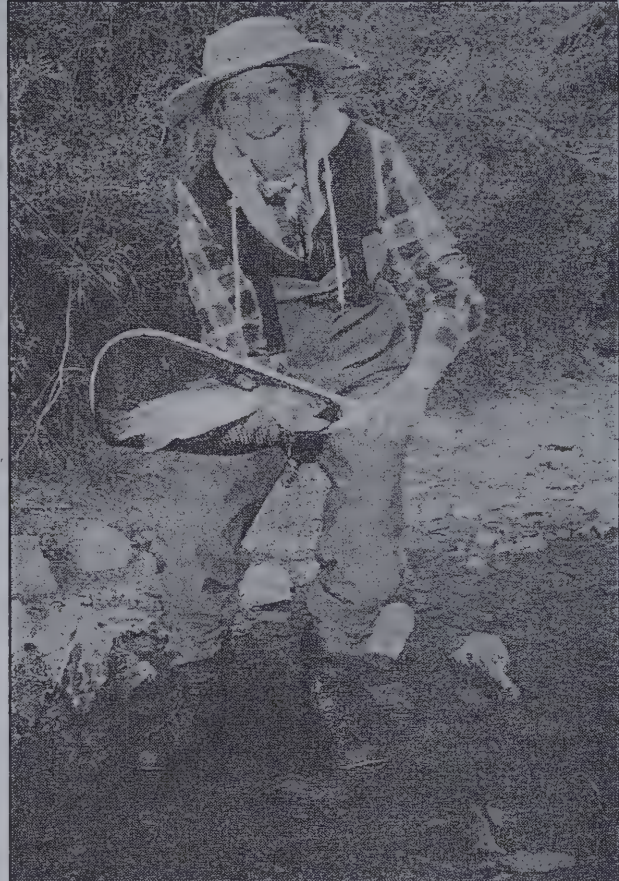


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June Parr of rural Kendallville catches a trout in her mid-80s while fly fishing in Colorado's Frying Pan river.

Mrs. Parr, 91, passed away April 28, 2011, at the family farm north of Kendallville her grandfather purchased in 1898.

In 2000, she wasn't very happy to hear her son, Dennis, and his wife, Sandra, were moving to Denver because her son took a job with Hospital Shared Services, but that didn't discourage her from visiting them.

"Mom was uncomfortable with flying, so she took the train from Waterloo to Denver," said her son. She was

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surprised to see how remote her son lived from the Denver metro area.

"When mom walked out onto the deck of our house, where views included Pike's Peak, she looked at me and proclaimed we lived in God's country," he said.

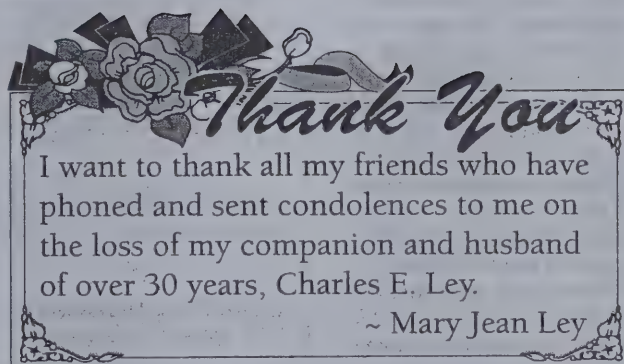
Evelyn Shumaker first became friends with Mrs. Parr when they were in 4-H together, and they stayed close until her death.

"She was so kind, and loved helping people," said Shumaker, who recalled how her friend worked with children in 4-H with their hands-on activities. "She was so nice. There wasn't a mean bone in her body, and you wanted to be around her, because you learned so much from her."

Sandra Parr, Mrs. Parr's daughter-in-law, recalled how much she enjoyed cooking and baking in the kitchen with her mother-in-law and coming up with new recipes.

"She had a great basic cookie recipe we enhanced with the addition of walnuts, raisins, chocolate chips and oatmeal. When we realized we had a winner, we needed a name. June said, 'Let's call them boxcar cookies.'" The cookies became a favorite in Sandra's bakery, The Chocolate Garden.

Mrs. Parr was co-marshal of the 2009 Noble County Community Fair parade, assisted with the fair's livestock auction and helped in Floral Hall during the fair. She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and served as a Eucharistic minister.



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James Havert

ROME CITY — James Albert Havert, 76, of Rome City died peacefully in his home Friday, May 6, 2011, from a long-term illness.

Mr. Havert retired in 1998 from Silgan Plastics, formerly Monsanto, in Ligonier.

He honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1961.

He was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, and American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

His hobbies were hunting, fishing, taxidermy, spending time with his grandchildren, playing bingo and dancing.

"Our family wishes to thank Dr. Jan and Dr. Morrison at Lutheran Hospital, Dr. Aggarwal and Dr. Corbin at Parkview Noble Hospital, and Kendallville Manor for their care and tireless efforts in making James as comfortable as possible."

He was born November 30, 1934, in Chicago to Albert and Cleo (Grott) Havert. On June 4, 1959, in Chicago he married Catherine M. Whelan.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine M. Havert of Rome City; a daughter, Candy (Phil) Slone of Kendallville; two sons, Tim (Lorie) Havert of Angola and Nik (Mandy) Havert of Nappanee; 10 grandchildren.



Mr. Havert



Mr. Havert

Amanda Schieber, Cody Havert, Andrew Havert, Rocky Havert, Patrick Havert, Crystal Patton, Josh Havert, Trevor Slone, Eric Slone, and Marissa Slone, eight great-grandchildren, Jackson Schieber, Makenzie Schieber, Ethan Schieber, Rocky Havert, Jr., Alan Havert, Taylor Havert, Liam Beyer, and a great-grandson Beyer due in June; two sisters, Carol (Mike) DiPalma of New Jersey and Barbara Baka of Kendallville; and a brother, Michael (Evie) Havert of Slidell, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Cindy Havert, and a granddaughter, April Havert.

Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 11 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Jim Miller officiating. Honor guard services will be conducted by American Legion Post 381, Rome City and active duty members of the U.S. Air Force.

Casketbearers will be Josh Havert, Patrick Havert, Cody Havert, Andrew Havert, Trevor Slone, and Eric Slone.

Calling is Monday, May 9, 2011, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. at the church. A Rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Billie Frank

DEFIANCE, OHIO — Billie Kay Frank, 68, of Defiance, Ohio, died Friday, May 6, 2011, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 16, 1943, to Floyd Edds and Ruth Powell. On June 11, 1961, she married Larry Frank at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and was retired from Walmart in Napoleon and Zeller Corporation as a laborer. A 1961 graduate of Ayersville High School, she taught herself to knit and crochet. She also spun and made her own yard and worked with llamas. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Frank survived by her husband, Larry Frank of Defiance, Ohio; one son, Larry (Anne) Frank of Defiance, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in law, Laura (Dennis) Jewell of Defiance, Ohio, and Kathleen (Alan) Nicely of Hamilton; seven grandchildren: Jennifer Nicely Powell, Kelly Jewell Reigle, Angie Jewell, Jeremiah and Jacob Nicely, and Alex and Caleb Frank; four great-grandchildren: Grant and Blake Powell; and Alayna and Brody Reigle; one brother, Gerald Edds of Cecil, Ohio; and two sisters: Erleff Strait of Defiance, Ohio and Dollie (Lionel) Fowler Caldwell of Lancaster County, Pa.



Mrs. Frank

Alice Hudec

EDGERTON, Ohio — Alice Ann Hudec (nee Sykora), age 89, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at Dream Haven Senior Group Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

She was the devoted wife of 47 years to the late Joseph T. Hudec; cherished mother of Carolyn R. Reszel (Gregory) of St. Joe, Ind., Joseph J. (Linda) of Middletown, Ohio and James F. (Nancy) of Plano, Texas.

Alice was also the loving grandmother of Cynthia L. Opperman (Robert), Charles E. Yeaser Jr. (Trishilana), Joseph E. Hudec, James L. Hudec (Laura), Christopher J. Yeaser (Sheila) and



Mrs. Hudec

Christian F. Yeaser (Libby); great-grandmother of Erika and Mia Opperman, Ian and Noah Yeaser and Cole and Beau Yeaser; a fond cousin; aunt of nieces and nephews; dear daughter of the late James and Rose Sykora; and dearest sister of the late James J. Sykora.

Alice was born, raised, and lived in Cleveland, Ohio, most of her life.

She was a homemaker and life member of the American Sokol gymnastic and cultural organization and Czechoslovak Society of America.

She loved her family, volunteering, playing the piano, reading, puzzles, making apple pies and needlepoint.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dream Haven LLC, 233 E. Morrison Str., Edgerton, OH 43517 or a charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be Monday, May 9, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at the Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral Home, 5252 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio, located between Richmond and Brainard, where the family will receive friends today from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Interment will be in Knollwood Cemetery.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Defiance, Ohio, with the Rev. Carol Ann Retcher and the Rev. Michael Donnally. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hanankrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Defiance Hospice or to the Humane Society.

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Sharon Hunter

ANGOLA — Sharon K. Hunter, 64, of Angola, died Saturday, May 7, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Sharon lived her life in LaGrange and Steuben counties, where she was a homemaker and a member of the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville. She loved to play bingo and her beloved dog, Nicki.

Mrs. Hunter was born on October 1, 1946 in Sturgis, Mich. to C.M. John and Nadine H. (Coleman) Halsey.

On March 31, 1973 in Clintwood, Va., she married Rodney Hunter. Mr. Hunter survives in Angola.

Also surviving is her mother, Nadine Halsey of LaGrange; eight daughters and three sons-in-law, Carmen Schieber of Angola, Deana Zerler of Fort Wayne, Angela Alleshouse, Willow and Danny Clute, Cassie and Rolf Hardiek all of Angola, Robin Hunter of Willard, Ohio, Loretta Snyder of Winchester, Ohio, and Crystal and Ryan Tenyck of Hudson; 25 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carolyn Patrick of LaGrange and Charlotte and Wayne Janes of Howe; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, John D. and Dianne Halsey of LaGrange and Jack and Ellen Emerick of Hudson.

Preceding her in death were her father, CM John Halsey on March 8, 2002; a daughter, Patricia Scharp on December 9, 2002; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Rev. Clarence Combs officiating.

Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

James Morris

ROME CITY — James Morris, 76, of Rome City, died Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 6:51 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. **Mr. Morris**



Mr. Morris moved to this area in 1955, coming from Austin, Ind.

He retired from Starcraft RV, working in Wolcottville, Topeka, and Goshen.

He was born January 17, 1935, in Prairie County, Ky., to Malcom and Laura (Eldridge) Morris. On June 27, 1981, in Stroh, he married Betty Webster. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son, Rick (Nan) Morris of St. Joe; two daughters, Claudetta (Billy Joe) Ritchie of Emmalina, Ky., and Loretta Combs of Fruitland Park, Fla.; five grandchildren; a step grandson; two brothers, Dave Morris of Austin and Jr. Morris of Hazard, Ky.; and two sisters, Delphie Dozart of Austin and Dicie Whitehead of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven sisters, Gracie Stidham, Ruby Colwell, Alberta Abner, Bertha Watson, Anna Stidham, Hazel Baker, and Edna Mae Ritchie; two

brothers, Roy Morris and Mark Morris; and a grandson, Michael Morris.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 3 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs of Five Corners Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Bonnie Bennett

KENDALLVILLE —
Bonnie J. (Weimer) Bennett, 55, of Albion died Friday, May 6, 2011, at her home.

Calling will be at Grace Christian Church, 126 E Mitchell St., Kendallville, Tuesday from 3-8 p.m.

Services will be at Sweet Church, Albion, Wednesday at 10 a.m., with Pastors Scott Mosley, Frank Beard and Timothy Davis officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials are to Faith Comes by Hearing (FaithComesby-Hearing.com), World Vision (worldvision.org), or Sweet Church Community Organization (sweetchurch.moonfruit.com).

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling arrangements. Complete obituary information with appear in Monday's edition.

Duane Hayes

COSPERVILLE —
Duane Hayes, 55, of Cosperville, died Saturday,

May 7, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Anna Belle Gregge

LAGRANGE — Anna Belle Gregge, 90, of LaGrange died Friday, May 6, 2011, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A graveside service will be held Monday at 3 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with Pastor John Adams officiating. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lowell Schaefer

FORT WAYNE —
Lowell A. Schaefer, 55, a native of Fort Wayne and formerly of Boulder, Colo., died at 9:20 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2011, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road, with Pastor William E. Mueller officiating.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive., Fort Wayne, IN 46825; or City On the Hill Church, 7483 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, CO 80303.

Ella Dora Wogoman

SYRACUSE — Ella Dora Wogoman, 86, of Syracuse died at 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2011, at Millers Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Bruce Rookstool officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ella Dora Funeral Fund, c/o Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN 46567.

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Bonnie Bennett

ALBION — Bonnie J. (Weimer) Bennett, 55, of Albion went to be with her Lord on Friday, May 6, 2011, from her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born on January 19, 1956, to R. Dale and Mildred L. (Ozbun) Weimer in Kendallville.

Bonnie was a 1974 graduate of South Adams High School in Berne, Indiana, and a 1978 art education graduate of Taylor



Mrs. Bennett

University in Upland, Indiana.

She was united in marriage to George D. Bennett III on September 2, 1979, and since then

the family has made their home on Bonnie's family farm in Albion. Bonnie was a homemaker, wife, mother and friend to all who knew her.

Bonnie had many interests and passions, including gardening, art, photography, baking, antiques, sewing, traveling and animals.

Some will remember her for her perfect cakes and cookies; others will remember her for her lovely flower beds and rock garden, or her artwork; others for her ministry work, including service with the Crisis Pregnancy Center, dedication to the church, childcare at the Kendallville YMCA, and a year helping disadvantaged children in Kentucky. Still others will remember her for the family home she and George painstakingly refinished, or for her splendid work at the Sweet Church. Above all,

Bonnie should be remembered for her love for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and how that love shone through in everything she did.

Bonnie is survived by her husband of 31 years, two sons, Daniel G. of Bloomington, and Matthew R. of Albion; one daughter, Jessica A. of Albion; her mother, Mildred L. Weimer of Berne; her sister, Karen S. Weimer of Davenport, Iowa; and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dale, in 2004, and her brother, Bruce, in 1986.

Visitation will be at Grace Christian Church, 126 E. Mitchell St, Kendallville, on Tuesday, May 10, from 3-8 p.m.

A service celebrating Bonnie's life will be held at Sweet Church (3015 E. 415N, corner of 300E and 415N), Albion, on Wednesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., with Pastors Scott Mosley, Frank Beard and Timothy Davis officiating. Burial will follow in Sweet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Bonnie preferred memorials go to Faith Comes by Hearing (FaithComesbyHearing.com), World Vision (worldvision.org), or Sweet Church Community Organization (sweetchurch.moonfruit.com).

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling the funeral arrangements.

Send a condolence online or view a memorial video tribute at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Car strikes bicycle, kills Shipshewana father, daughter

SHIPSHEWANA — A tragic accident claimed the lives of a Shipshewana man and his daughter Sunday afternoon, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department reported.

Jason Lyn Helmuth, 32, and his daughter, Jayna R. Helmuth, 4, were killed when their bicycle was struck from behind while they were traveling eastbound in the 9400 west block of S.R. 120 in LaGrange County near Shipshewana.

The accident happened at 1:35 p.m. Helmuth and his daughter were riding together on the same bicycle. According to the sheriff's department report, a 1999 Hyundai driven by Lucas C. Currier, 21, of Middlebury, struck the bicycle.

"For reasons unknown, the driver failed to observe two bicyclists also eastbound," a police report stated.

Both the father and daughter were pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

LaGrange County Sheriff's Department was assisted by the Shipshewana police and fire departments and LaGrange County EMS.

Funeral arrangements for both victims are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. More information may be found on page A4.

Jason Helmuth Jayna Helmuth

SHIPSHEWANA —

Jason Lyn Helmuth, 32, and Jayna R. Helmuth, 4, father and daughter, of Shipshewana died at 1:35 p.m. Sunday at the scene of a car-bicycle accident near 9435 W. S.R. 120, Shipshewana.

There will be no visitation Monday, visitation will be held Tuesday at a location and time to be announced.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Glass

KENDALLVILLE —

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home for Richard Glass, 69, of Kendallville. He died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation is planned for Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mark Sweeney

MIDDLEBURY — Mark

John Sweeney, 50, of Middlebury died Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 6:45 p.m.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at Fairhaven Church, S.R. 4, Goshen.

Service will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the church. Bishop Wilbur Yoder and the home ministers will officiate. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to Project Promise. Condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Co-workers grieve man, girl

Pair struck while riding bicycle

BY CRAIG HAUPERT

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TOPEKA — With heavy hearts, employees returned to work Monday morning at the Cedar Creek division of Forest River RV in Topeka.

Less than 24 hours earlier, employee Jason Helmuth and his

worker and friend of Helmuth for many years. "It was very sobering. There wasn't much talking. It was tough. Just a really sad day."

Plant manager Mervin Dean Hostetler hired Helmuth about five years ago and said Helmuth always was eager to do what was asked of him.

"He was a willing worker that got along with everybody. He has always been a great asset for us,

4-year-old daughter, Jayna, were killed when a vehicle struck the bicycle they were riding on S.R. 120 in Shipshewana.

The entire plant felt Helmuth's absence from work Monday.

"There were a lot of tears in everybody's eyes, including my own," said Jay Gingerich, a co-

and he leaves us with a giant hole to fill," Hostetler said. "It is just going to be different around here without him. There were a lot of long heads here today."

Helmuth, 32, of Shipshewana, was a talented softball player, according to several of his co-workers. One co-worker and friend, Kevin Lambright, said Helmuth was the best ball player

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he's ever played with.

"He was a great athlete, a great pitcher and a great personality. He just had it all," Lambright said. "I'm going to miss everything about him."

Gingerich said Helmuth always strived to be the best, whether at work or on the softball diamond.

"That is one thing I admired about him most — he always had this amazing drive to be the best,"

Gingerich said. "He was also one of those guys that brightened up your day. He'd never walk by me

without saying, 'Hey Jay, what's up?' or 'How you doing?' That's what I'll miss the most."

According to police, Jason and Jayna Rose Helmuth were riding east on S.R. 120 in the 9000W block when a vehicle driven by Lucas Currier of Middlebury hit them from behind.

Jason and Jayna Helmuth both died at the scene. Police said it is not known why the driver did not see the cyclists.

An obituary for Jason and Jayna Helmuth appears on page A4 of today's edition.

Jason Helmuth Jayna Helmuth

SHIPSHEWANA — Jason Lyn Helmuth, 32, and his daughter, Jayna Rose Helmuth, 4, both of Shippshewana, died at 1:35 p.m. Sunday, May 8, 2011, at the scene of a car/bicycle accident near Shippshewana.

Mr. Helmuth was employed at Cedar Creek in Topeka.

He was member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Helmuth was born on May 7, 1979, in Nappanee to Floyd and Rose (Hochstetler) Helmuth. They survive in Nappanee.

He married Sharon Kay Bontrager on Sept. 30, 2004, in Shippshewana. She survives.

Jayna Helmuth was born on May 15, 2006, in LaGrange County, to Jason and Sharon Kay (Bontrager) Helmuth. Her mother survives.

Also surviving Jason Helmuth are a daughter, Emily Faith Helmuth at home; three sisters, Anne (Daryl) Lehman, Monica (Merle) Miller and Mary Jo (Bruce) Hochstetler, all of Nappanee; five brothers, Kevin (Jamie) Helmuth of Ligonier, and Brian Helmuth, Tim Helmuth, Virgil Helmuth, Andrew Helmuth, all of Nappanee.

Also surviving Jayna Helmuth are a sister, Emily Faith Helmuth at home; and her grandparents, Dean and Erma Bontrager of Shippshewana, Floyd and Rose Helmuth of Nappanee.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family residence.

Richard Glass

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Lee "Curly" Glass, age 69, of Kendallville died on Sunday, May 8, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Mr. Glass

Mr. Glass was born in Wolf Lake, Indiana, on January 6, 1942, to the late Dae Eaton and Hilda Irene (Cramer) Glass. They are deceased.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1960.

He married Connie Jean Krotzer Glass on April 15, 1962, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Dick was the plant manager at Reliable Tool in Kendallville and employed there for more than 45 years.

He loved being with his family and attending his children's and his grandchildren's events.

Joint funeral services for Jason and Jayna Helmuth will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Dean Bontrager residence, 8725 W. S.R. 120, Shippshewana. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Shippshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

He was an avid summer and winter fisherman and loved to tell the stories about the "big ones that got away!" His favorite fishing spot was on Sacarider Lake west of Kendallville.

Dick loved being outdoors, gardening and working at home in the yard.

He was a NASCAR racing fan and Jeff Gordon was his favorite driver.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Connie Glass of Kendallville; two daughters, Ginger Forbes of Kendallville and Marna and Eric Meyer of Indianapolis; a son, Corey Glass of Kendallville; his grandchildren, Keith and Melinda Forbes of Kendallville, Trey Forbes and his companion, Emily Gallmeyer, both attending Manchester College in North Manchester, Taylor, Josh, Brianna, and Joel Glass all of Kendallville, and Madelyn and Mason Meyer of Indianapolis; and a brother-in-law, John Cluver of Lowell, Indiana.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Sandra Cluver.

Visitation will be today, Tuesday, May 10, 2011, from 5-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Scott Pattison. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake, Indiana. Casketbearers will be Corey Glass, Keith Forbes, Trey Forbes, Eric Meyer, Allen Rhodes and Ray Grocock.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Richard at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Robert Houser

FORT WAYNE — Robert Joseph Houser, 80, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2011.

Born on Nov. 4, 1930 in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late John and Florence (Henry) Houser.

He attended Most Precious Blood School and St. Charles Seminary in Carthage, Ohio. After his education at the seminary, he played football for the Saint Joe Athletic Club.

He worked several years for Schenkel and Sons which led to the founding and operation of his business Robert J. Houser and Son Contractors for 50 years.

He enjoyed coaching CYO football for 35 years at St. Pete's, Most Precious Blood and Queen of Angels.

He was involved with the Queen of Angels Choir and the Central Catholic and Bishop Dwenger Booster Clubs, was a member of The Knights of Columbus and a volunteer at Saint Joseph Hospital.

He was a parishioner of Queen of Angels and for the last 13 years made St. Michael's of Waterloo his home parish.

He married Mary Katherine Wyss on March 31, 1951, in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and she survives. Also surviving are six children, Anne (Stephen) Lawrence of Fort Wayne, Kitty (Herman) Haffner of Crawfordsville, Joe (Kate) Houser of Fort Wayne, Julie (Amy) Houser of Fort Wayne, John (Nanette) Houser of Fort Wayne and Dan (Tracy) Houser of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren,



Mr. Houser

Ben (Michelle) Lawrence, MaryClare (Ben) Akers, Bob Lawrence, Emmy (Sean) Jones, Rose Lawrence, John (Sarah) Houser, Kelly (Mike) Matthews, Erin (Mike) Molfenter, Bridget Houser, Caitlin Houser, Lauren Houser, Jim Haffner and Abbie (Cory) Haffner; five great-grandchildren (and two more expected in September); two sisters-in-law, Rosie Houser of Fort Wayne and Joan Houser of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Michael Houser; two brothers, Jerry and Milton Houser; and a sister, Maxine Smith-Meese.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Private burial will be take place at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo and also one hour prior to the service at the church. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. Michael's Building Fund or Queen of Angels Athletics.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Hager Patton

FREMONT — Hager Patton, 84, of Fremont died Monday, May 9, 2011, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Patton had worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

He was a graduate of Fremont High School and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Feb. 16, 1927, in Hueysville, Ky., to Lewis and Sarah (Wireman) Patton. He married Helen L. Weber and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Kyle Kroening of Albuquerque, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Richard Miller; a sister, Mabel; and two brothers, Buford and Rufus.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Rosetta Mercer

CHURUBUSCO — Rosetta B. Mercer, 90, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 8, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at Byron Health Center, 12101 Lima Road, with Pastor Michael Lederman, officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

The family will receive friends at Byron Health Center one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814; or Keefer Creek Baptist Church, P. O. Box 545, Leo, IN 46765.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN

Kendallville, IN

May 11, 2011, Wednesday

Douglas Emrick

AVILLA — Douglas B. "Doug" Emrick, 68, of Avilla died Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in his residence.

Mr. Emrick was a lifetime area resident.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1961.

Mr. Emrick was a machinist at Morr Pattern and Tool in Kendallville and retired from Pease Windomatic in Huntertown.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born January 16, 1943, in Kendallville to Toellner and Thelma (Ewell) Emrick. On December 21, 1963, at Zion Lutheran Church in DeKalb County he married Sandra D. Smith.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra D. "Sandie" Emrick of Avilla; two daughters, Monica Duehmig of Kendallville and Michelle (Ed) Keil of Huntertown; five grandchildren, Justin Liedel, Hillary (Jason) Kline, Kyle Duehmig, Kelsie Duehmig, and Drew Keil; a great-grandson, William Kline; two sisters, Marilyn Kreig of Fort Wayne and Judy Cooley of Ligonier; and a brother, David (Anna) Emrick of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner and the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.



Mr. Emrick

Christopher Dickerson

LAGRANGE — Christopher A. Dickerson, 7, of rural LaGrange, Ind., died on

Monday, May 9, 2011, at the home of his grandparents, Denny and Carol Northup.

Christopher was a first-grader at Prairie Heights Elementary School and loved to play baseball and soccer.



Christopher Dickerson

He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ.

On September 10, 2003, in Angola, Ind., he was born to Christopher R. Dickerson and Kristin K. (Northup) Dickerson.

Christopher is survived by his mother, Kristin Dickerson and her fiancé, Charles Ritchie of LaGrange, Ind.; a brother, Nathan R. Dickerson, at home; his father, Christopher Dickerson of Sturgis, Mich.; his grandparents, Denny and Carol Northup of LaGrange, Ind.; a great-grandmother, Donna Northup of LaGrange, Ind.; an aunt and uncle, Lisa and Jacob Marker of Goshen, Ind.; and two cousins, Tyler Evers and Logan Marker, both of Goshen, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Kenneth Northup and Robert and Kathryn Pankop.

Funeral services will be on Friday, May 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ, 4540 S. C.R. 1100 W, Stroh, Ind., with Jeffrey L. Cook and Michael Hamm officiating.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural LaGrange, Ind.

Visitation will be on Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 2-7 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Furip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandson. Active pallbearers will be Delbert Smith, John Baker, Johnathan Smith, Brandon Hicks, Eric Rupley and Rex Snyder.

Calling is Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, Parkview Noble Home Health Care and Hospice, or Make-A-Wish Foundation.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Beatrice Leins

WATERLOO — Beatrice E. Leins, 86, died Monday, May 9, 2011, at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Crown Point, Ind.

Mrs. Leins was a homemaker.

She had worked for 15 years at Hamilton Standard in Auburn, retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Leins was a former member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Kendallville American Legion Auxiliary and Waterloo VFW Auxiliary.

She was born May 17, 1924, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Charles Garner and Golda (Jordan) Peffley. She married Eldon Leins on Oct. 27, 1951, in Antwerp, Ohio, and he died June 18, 1986.

Surviving are three sons Dennis Wayne (Melody) Peffley of Butler, Michael Lee (Shirley) Leins of Crown Point and Donald Eldon Leins of Auburn; two daughters, Sue Ann Payne of Bucyrus, Ohio, and Judy Lynn (Dale) Hall of Cromwell; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; seven brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Marks Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Association.

To send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.



Mrs. Leins

William Newbauer Jr.

FORT WAYNE — William J. "Bill" J. Newbauer Jr., 93, passed away

peacefully into eternity at about 1:15 a.m.

Monday morning May 9, 2011, at

Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he had been since March 4, 2011.

William was born in South Bend, Ind., and grew up in Altona, Ind., near Garrett.

He married Bonnie M. Moore who preceded him in death in October 2001.

William served in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the Pacific Theater aboard an attack transport ship where he was a boat engineer on a "Higgins Boat" landing craft (LCVP).

In civilian life, he worked as a tool and die and mold maker.

Surviving are three children, a daughter, Deann K. (Jerry) Dyben of New Haven, Ind.; a son, Stephen A. (Lucy) Newbauer of Fort Wayne, Ind., a son, Jon M. Newbauer of Brooksville, Fla., 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

His parents, William J. Newbauer Sr. and Marian (Newbauer) Stevens preceded him in death, as did his sister, Dorothy Rathert.

There will be no services of any kind as per his request.

Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.



Mr. Newbauer

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Barbara Froelich

GARRETT — Barbara A. Froelich, 74, of Garrett died Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

No services are planned. She will be buried in

Washington North Cemetery in Indianapolis at a later date.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn are assisting the family with arrangements.

Linda Pentico

ANGOLA — Linda L. Pentico, 57, of Angola died Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at her home in Angola.

She had worked at RR Donnelly, previously known as Moore's Business Forms, in Angola for 32 years.

Miss Pentico was a member of the Orland American Legion Auxiliary and the Fremont Women of the Moose.

She was born Nov. 20, 1953, in Angola to Frederick G. "Fritz" and Bonnie Jean (Hufnagle) Pentico. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother, John E. Pentico of Angola; a sister, Janet (Jon) Weber of Fremont; two nephews; and a niece.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Parks Department.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Christina Franklin

LAGRANGE — Christina Franklin, 35, of LaGrange died Monday, May 9, 2011, following a long illness at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery at Howe.

Alice Houlton

AUBURN — Alice E. Houlton, 88, of Auburn died Monday, May 9, 2011, at her home.

No calling or services are planned at this time.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Harter

LAGRANGE — Ralph D. Harter, 76, of LaGrange died Monday, May 9, 2011, at his residence.

Cremation will take place.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Luella M. Allen, 84

Luella M. Allen, age 84, of Wawaka passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2011 at 3:25 AM at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She was born on January 17, 1927 to Maurice & Mildred (Myers) Schlabach in Noble County, IN.

On April 21, 1946 she married Charles J. Allen in Cromwell, IN. He preceded her in death on January 29, 2005.

Mrs. Allen was a lifetime area resident and was a very talented seamstress.

She had worked for Sroufe Manufacturing Company, & Frick Services where she was known as "Cookie".

She is survived by two children, Robert "Bob" (Jennie) Allen of Wawaka, Lucinda "Cindy" (David) Rose of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Charles, Katie, Cassie, Weston, and Wyatt. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one grandson Chester James Allen, three siblings, Adrian Schlabach, Ruth Doan, and Mabel Schlabach.

There was a funeral service held in Mrs. Allen's honor on Saturday May 7, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, IN, with Pastor Diana Siegal officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to Parkview Noble Hospice or the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.



Dean L. Ayers, 92

Dean L. Ayers, 92, a longtime resident of Churubusco, passed away at 10:16 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011, surrounded by his loving family.

Dean was born in Lowell on June 1, 1918, a son of Arthur and Carrie (Hathaway) Ayers, and as a child moved to Roanoke with his parents and two brothers.

On April 18, 1944 he was married to Helen Prible. The couple lived in Fort Wayne briefly, prior to moving to Blue Lake near Churubusco in 1946. Later, Dean and Helen purchased a small farm southwest of Churubusco.

As a young man he was employed as a union construction worker, and was later employed as a welder for the Fruehauf Trailer Corporation for 39 years, retiring from there in 1981.

He was an active member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and its Peace Makers Sunday School Class. After his retirement, he enjoyed bowling, swimming, and learned to play golf. He became an avid golfer for many years, receiving a lifetime membership at Eel River Golf Course on his 80th birthday from owner Dale Duncan.

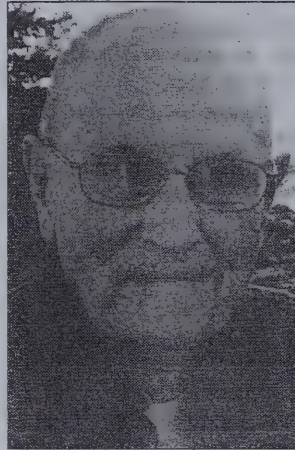
He enjoyed helping shut-ins by delivering meals-on-wheels, and assisted neighbors by mowing yards and shoveling snow. He was attentive to visiting friends in hospitals and nursing homes, and enjoyed walking down to "coffee" with his buddies at the Ramble Inn in Churubusco. On several occasions, he and his wife Louella visited their children in various locations in the United States, Europe, and Africa.

His first wife Helen preceded him in death on July 31, 1966. On August 11, 1969 he was married to Louella (Burnsworth) Shively. She survives, currently living in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are his children Cheryl (Gene) Toombs of Charlotte, NC; Dawn (Ed) Ladig of Churubusco, and David (Betsy) Ayers of West Lafayette; four step-children Terry (Karlin) Shively of Whitehouse, OH; Ted (Terri) Shively of Churubusco; Darlene Clevenger of Fort Wayne, and Katie Guthrie of Angola; a step-daughter-in-law Ilze Shively of Suncook, NH; his older brother Bruce Ayers of Gary; and two sisters-in-law Thelma Prible Strait of Warren and Peggy Ayers of Bluffton. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a son Kent Dean Ayers; a step-son William Shively; and by his younger brother Bob Ayers.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor



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Corinne K. Boruff, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723; or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Ayers' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Loretta A. McKean, 50

Loretta A. McKean, age 50, of rural Kendallville, died on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Mrs. McKean was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 2, 1960 to Robert and Sonia (Bohde) Bercot.

She graduated from Carroll High School in 1978.

She married Robert S. McKean on November 2, 2003 in the Smokey Mountains.

Loretta was an administrative assistant and employed with Lincoln Financial Group in Fort Wayne.

Loretta enjoyed bird watching and flower gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Robert S. McKean of rural Kendallville; grandchildren, Kylie, David, Garrett, Bobbie and Samantha; her parents, Robert and Sonia Bercot of Fort Wayne; sister, Marie Bercot and her companion, Tom, of Fort Wayne; two nieces, Jenny and Jami of Fort Wayne; two great-nieces; and father and mother-in-law, Roy and Louise McKean of Fort Wayne.

She loved her dogs and three cats, Mac and Bird, Frankie, GG, and Champ, and her cats, Zoro, Kit and Roxanne.

Memorial services were May 10, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Dekalb County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Bonnie J. Bennett, 55

Bonnie J. (Weimer) Bennett, 55, of Albion went to be with her Lord on Friday, May 6, 2011, from her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born on January 19, 1956 to R. Dale and Mildred L. (Ozbun) Weimer, in Kendallville.

Bonnie was a 1974 graduate of South Adams High School in Berne, Indiana, and a 1978 art education graduate of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

She was united in marriage to George D. Bennett III on September 2, 1979, and since then the family has made their home on Bonnie's family farm in Albion. Bonnie was a homemaker, wife, mother, and friend to all who knew her.

Bonnie had many interests and passions, including gardening, art, photography, baking, antiques, sewing, traveling, and animals.

Some will remember her for her perfect cakes and cookies; others will remember her for her lovely flower beds and rock garden, or her artwork; others for her ministry work, including service with the Crisis Pregnancy Center, dedication to the church, childcare at the Kendallville YMCA, and a year helping disadvantaged children in Kentucky. Still others will remember her for the family home she and George painstakingly re-finished, or for her splendid work at the Sweet Church. Above all, Bonnie should be remembered for her love for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and how that love shone through in everything she did.

Bonnie is survived by her husband of 31 years; two sons, Daniel G. of Bloomington, and Matthew R. of Albion; one daughter, Jessica A. of Albion; her mother, Mildred L. Weimer of Berne; her sister, Karen S. Weimer of Davenport, Iowa; and a large extended family.

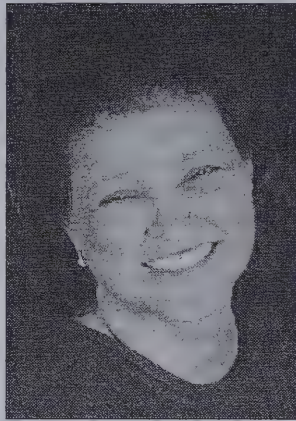
She was preceded in death by her father, Dale, in 2004, and her brother, Bruce, in 1986.

A service celebrating Bonnie's life was held at Sweet Church, Albion, on Wednesday, May 11, with Pastors Scott Mosley, Frank Beard, and Timothy Davis officiating. Burial followed in Sweet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Bonnie preferred memorials go to Faith Comes by Hearing (FaithComesbyHearing.com), World Vision (worldvision.org), or Sweet Church Community Organization (sweetchurch.moonfruit.com).

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling the funeral arrangements.

Send a condolence online or view a memorial video tribute at www.hitefuneralhome.com



Buford Shepherd, 83

Buford Shepherd, age 83, of Ligonier, died on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at his home.

Mr. Shepherd was born in Mid, KY on January 1, 1928 to the late Wilson and Alice (Allen) Shepherd.

He married Marie Smith on May 9, 1947 in Prestonsburg and she preceded his death September 9, 2009.

Buford was a railroader and employed with for CSX for 25 years as a track repairman and driver before retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City and enjoyed attending faithfully.

Buford loved raising a his garden each year, riding around on his golf cart, reading and keeping current with the news around the world.

Survivors include daughters, Evelyn and Terry Long of Ligonier, Linda and Charles Kline of LaGrange; sons, Marvin Ray Shepherd of Goshen, Buford and Elmira Shepherd of Wolcottville, and Larry and Gretta Shepherd of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; and 26 great grandchildren; sisters, Sarah Handshoe of Garrett, Indiana, and Amy Hale of Hueysville, Kentucky.

He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Margie Oney and Margaret Hale; and brothers, Wilkie, Hubert, George, Luther, Herald, and Edward; and three infants.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 7, 2011, at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Shawn Shepherd.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Casketbearers were his grandsons, Eric Murphy, Scott Murphy, Marvin Shepherd, Darrell Shepherd, Danny Shepherd, Sam Shepherd and Zack Shepherd.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.



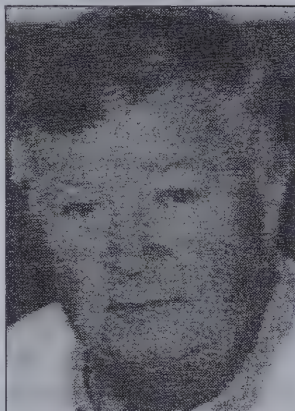
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Donald E. Cummins, 77

Donald E. Cummins, age 77, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Cummins was born in Connersville, Indiana on May 12, 1933 to the late Harry Cummins and Caroline (Dillingham) Murray.

He graduated from Connersville High School in 1951 as well as Indiana University with a business degree.



He served his country during the Korean War in the United States Marine Corps.

Currently, Don worked as an independent sales representative for the past 20 years with Rubber Seal Products of Dayton, Ohio.

After he graduated from college, he was a store manager for W.T. Grant in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio for 16 years.

Don loved spending time with loved ones and friends.

He enjoyed living the past 29 years on the farm and took great pride in keeping the house, lawn and garden looking nice.

He was a Bobby Knight and Indiana Basketball fan and also followed Bobby when he coached at Texas Tech.

Don also loved his English Mastiff, Simon.

Survivors include his companion of 34 years, Catherine Link of Kendallville; three daughters and their husbands; one son and daughter-in-law; many grandchildren; sister, Betty and her husband Roger McGriff of Shelbyville, Indiana; many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his step-father, Lowell Murray and one niece.

Funeral services were Friday, May 6, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Leon Pomeroy.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Military honors at the graveside were provided by the Kendallville V.F.W. Post #2749 and Rome City American Legion Post #381 along with active duty Army National Guard troops.

Preferred memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Richard Lee Glass, 69

Richard Lee "Curly" Glass, age 69, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Glass was born in Wolf Lake, Indiana on January 6, 1942 to the late Dae Eaton and Hilda Irene (Cramer) Glass.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1960.

He married Connie Jean Krotzer Glass on April 15, 1962 at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Dick was the plant manager at Reliable Tool in Kendallville and employed there for more than 45 years.

He loved being with his family and attending his children's and his grandchildren's events.

He was an avid summer and winter fisherman and loved to tell the stories about the "big ones that got away"! His favorite fishing spot was on Sacrider Lake west of Kendallville.

Dick loved being outdoors, gardening and working at home in the yard.

He was a NASCAR racing fan and Jeff Gordon was his favorite driver.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Connie Glass of Kendallville; daughters, Ginger Forbes of Kendallville, Marla and Eric Meyer of Indianapolis; son, Corey Glass of Kendallville; grandchildren: Keith and Melinda Forbes of Kendallville, Trey Forbes and his companion, Emily Gallmeyer both attending Manchester College in North Manchester, Tayler, Josh, Brianna, and Joel Glass all of Kendallville, Madelyn and Mason Meyer of Indianapolis; brother-in-law, John Cluver of Lowell, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Sandra Cluver.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial was at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Casketbearers were Corey Glass, Keith Forbes, Trey Forbes, Eric Meyer, Allen Rhodes, and Ray Grocock.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Richard at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Harley E. Mantle, 87

Harley E. Mantle, age 87, of Kendallville, IN passed away at 6:49 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Born March 18, 1924 in Columbia City, IN, he was the son of Solomon and Blanche D. (Worrick) Mantle.

He attended Washington Center School, Whitley County. He lived on Carroll Road, Allen County, prior to building a new home in 1955. In 1964, he moved to

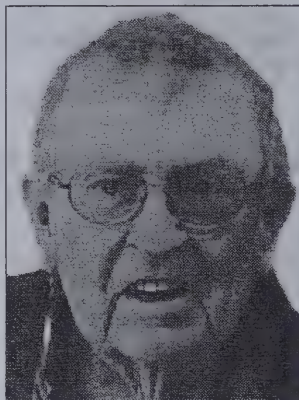
his current home in Kendallville. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1944-1946. On June 3, 1944, he married Valetta Adele Morrissey at Washington Center EBU Parsonage. For 34 years, he worked as a semi-driver for Ellis Trucking Company, Indianapolis, which sold to Navajo then to ABF, Fort Wayne. In 1985, he retired as a truck driver to farm full time retiring from farming in 1995. His memberships included American Legion, Avilla, Disabled American Veterans, VFW Post 5582 and Eagles Lodge 1906, Columbia City, Teamster Local 414 and a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge, Kendallville.

Survivors include a daughter, Ramonda Kay (Hugh) DeLong of Albion; grandchildren, Martin Mantle of Kendallville, Aron (Carrie) Mantle of Orland, Karla Mantle, Mary Day and Randall (Brandi) Reber all of Kendallville and Daniel DeLong of Albion; great-grandchildren, Benjamin Handshoe, Elizabeth Mantle, Zachary Mantle, David Rupert, Jr., Austin, Emily and Hunter Reber and Caydan DeLong; daughter-in-law, Jean Mantle of Kendallville; brother, Roger Mantle of Salt Lake City, UT. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Arden DeWayne Mantle; infant daughter, Vickie Adele Mantle; brothers, Robert and Glenn Mantle; and sisters, Evelyn Bernardino, Wilda Ernst and Peggy Briggs.

Funeral services were Monday, May 9, 2011 at the funeral home with Pastor Bret Frymier of Asbury United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial followed at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City. Memorials may be given in memory of Mr. Mantle to the American Diabetes Association.

Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.



ALBION NEW ERA

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James Albert Havert, 76

James Albert Havert, 76, of Rome City died peacefully in his home Friday, May 6, 2011, from a long-term illness.

Mr. Havert retired in 1998 from Silgan Plastics, formerly Monsanto, in Ligonier.

He honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1961.

He was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City and American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

His hobbies were hunting, fishing, taxidermy, spending time with his grandchildren, playing Bingo, and dancing.

He was born November 30, 1934, in Chicago to Albert and Cleo (Grott) Havert.

On June 4, 1959, in Chicago he married Catherine M. Whelan

Surviving are his wife, Catherine M. Havert of Rome City; a daughter, Candy (Phil) Slone of Kendallville; two sons, Tim (Lorie) Havert of Angola and Nik (Mandy) Havert of Nappanee; ten grandchildren, Amanda Schieber, Cody Havert, Andrew Havert, Rocky Havert, Patrick Havert, Crystal Patton, Josh Havert, Trevor Slone, Eric Slone, and Marissa Slone; eight great-grandchildren, Jackson Schieber, Makenzie Schieber, Ethan Schieber, Rocky Havert, Jr., Alan Havert, Taylor Havert, Liam Beyer; two sisters, Carol (Mike) DiPalma of New Jersey and Barbara Baka of Kendallville; and a brother, Michael (Evie) Havert of Slidell, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Cindy Havert; and a granddaughter, April Havert.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Jim Miller officiating. Honor guard services were conducted by American Legion Post 381, Rome City and active duty members of the U.S. Air Force.

Casketbearers were Josh Havert, Patrick Havert, Cody Havert, Andrew Havert, Trevor Slone, and Eric Slone.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.young-familyfuneralhome.com

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Mary Prucinsky

ALBION — Mary Fern Prucinsky, age 72, of Albion, Ind., passed away at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.



Born February 25, 1939, in Fort Wayne, Ind., she was the daughter of Daniel Hobart and Selma (Anderson) Wolfe.

A lifetime resident of Noble County and graduate of Albion High School, she lived in her present home for the past 26 years.

Her first marriage was to Day Baugher from 1961 to 1974. Her second marriage was to Robert J. Prucinsky, from 1975 to 1995.

A former employee of Essex Wire in Ligonier, she worked for many years at Star Craft Van in Goshen, where she retired. She formerly owned and operated the Wood Inn Restaurant, Topeka.

In her spare time, she enjoyed fishing, knitting and going to casinos.

Survivors include her sons, Mark A. (Carolyn) Prucinsky of Albion and Jeffrey A. (Loretta) Prucinsky of Omaha, Neb.; daughters, Laura J. (Ed) Hebb, Barbara J. (David) McCoy and Elizabeth Ann (Jim) Fisher, all of Lancaster, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Linda (James) Baugher-Slater of Dunnellon, Fla.; her stepsons, Edwin (Rebecca) Baugher of Richmond, Va., and Dana (Debra) Baugher of Goshen; several

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Eugene D. Wolfe of Huntertown; and a sister, Lenora Roos of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands; her brothers, Melvin, Raymond J. and Gerald Wolfe; and her longtime companion, Jim Honaker.

Visitation is Friday, May 13, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Country-side Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral service is Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Sharon Brockhaus, certified funeral celebrant, officiating.

Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Prucinsky's memory to the donor's choice of charity. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Robert Leland

ANGOLA — Robert Lee Leland, 78, of Angola died Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Leland had retired from Robinair in Angola. He had formerly been employed at Dewey's Auto Parts, Angola Ford and Dunham Motors.

He attended Jamestown and Fremont schools.

Mr. Leland was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

He was born Aug. 20, 1932, in Jamestown Township, Steuben County, to Leo and Thelma (Hughes) Leland. He married Patsy Ann Reynolds on June 27, 1951. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are six children, Pamela and James Bradley of Homer, Mich., Michael and Sharon Leland of Fremont, Larry and Arlena Leland of Angola, Bryan and Robin Leland of Pleasant Lake, LaDonna and Kevin Robb of Coldwater, Mich., and Patricia and Joseph "Joe" Stempien of Fremont; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Allen Leland of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bud Leland.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Assembly of God Church in Angola with Pastor Ronald Moore officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the family in care of Patsy Leland.

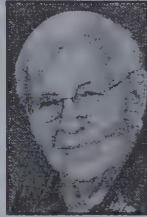
Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy Wible

MUNCIE — Dorothy May Wible, 96, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2011, in Westminster Village in Muncie.

She was born April 20, 1914, in Noble County, Indiana, the daughter of L. Frank



Mrs. Wible

and Jessie (Earle) Willits.

Dorothy graduated from Albion High School in 1932, where she was the star player on the girl's basketball team.

In 1936, she married the love of her life, Harold Wible. The two shared their challenges, countless joys, and everlasting love in their 55 years of marriage. Together they were wonderful parents, grandparents, and role models. They knew the value of friendship, and always had an open seat at their table.

Mrs. Wible was the first female postal clerk in Fort Wayne, and retired from the post office in Kendallville after 21 years of service.

She was a member of Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Muncie and was a woman of strong faith.

Mrs. Wible also was a member of 55 Alive.

She loved life and even rode a jet ski, at the age of 92. She loved to play cards and watch basketball.

Dorothy was passionate about her family and friends, and was a very upbeat and positive person. She leaves behind many great friends, both residents and staff at Westminster Village, and in Sterling Village in Boynton Beach, FL as well.

Surviving are her five children, Larry Wible (wife-Charlotte), Carmel, Ind., Marcia Williams (husband-Darl), Stevensville, Mich., Lyman Wible (wife-Lyn), Middleton, Wis., Dennis Wible (wife-Bonnie), Muncie, and Daniel Wible (wife-Suzanne), Doylestown, Pa.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Wible; and three brothers, Allen, Glenn and Dwight Willits.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 14, 2011, from 1-4 p.m. at Gethsemane United Methodist Church, 1201 W. McGalliard Road, Muncie.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Gethsemane United Methodist Church-Building Fund, 1201 W. McGalliard Road, Muncie, IN 47303.

Meeks Mortuary in Muncie is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

Carl Wilkinson

SYRACUSE — Carl E. "Hub" Wilkinson, 75, of Goshen and formerly of Syracuse died Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Wawasee Community Bible Church in Milford. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Milford.

Memorials are to Tippy River Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Program, 6171 E. C.R. 450N, Leesburg, IN 46538 or Wawasee Camp of Gideon's, P.O. Box 101, Syracuse, IN 46567.

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John Bury

AUBURN — John Lloyd Bury, 77, died Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at his home.

He was born March 5, 1934, in Fort Wayne to John Stanley and Elsie May (Baker) Bury.



He was a **Mr. Bury** 1953 graduate of Jackson High School in Jackson, Michigan.

He served in the U.S. Navy from July 7, 1953, to June 18, 1955, serving with the SeaBees, a construction battalion.

Mr. Bury worked as a plumber and in construction. For 10 years he was the superintendent of the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit that joined the U.S. with Canada until his retirement in 1995.

He was a member of the Plumbers Union Local 190 of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

He married Sharon AEtta Mitchell on June 27, 1956, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffery (Debra) Bury of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Todd (Sandy) Bury of Auburn; six grandchildren, Jeffery (Steff) Bury, Alicia Perrin, Valerie (Daniel) Cathey, William Ellerman, Joshua Bury and Todd Bury; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, James E. Bury of Greensboro, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marjorie Gartner.

James Holloway

ELKHART — James E. Holloway, 71, of Elkhart died Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation, Elkhart.

No local services will be held.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or, ~~just to~~ DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

First-grader loses battle with cancer

BY JENNIFER DECKER

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LAGRANGE — As sick as Christopher A. Dickerson was from fighting pancreatic cancer, he kept his fingers crossed, wanting to get through Mother's Day on Sunday.

He got his wish.

Christopher, 7, of rural LaGrange, died Monday at the home of his grandparents, Denny and Carol Northup, after battling the disease. Doctors told his family he was the youngest patient to have the form of cancer.

Christopher's motto was: "I made history by getting cancer, I'm going to make history by beating cancer."

And he almost did.

Christopher was a first-grader at Prairie Heights Elementary School.

Several of his relatives worked in the Prairie Heights Community Schools, including his grandfather, Denny.

"He touched so many lives," said Northup. "At Prairie Heights, we're all pretty close ... Everybody just loved the guy. He amazed us with what he would talk about. In the hospital, they were adding a fifth floor (through construction) and he said, 'Ya know, they're going to have to add on to the elevator.'"

Northup reflected on losing his grandson and said: "Things can change so fast. Spend time with your kids and grandkids."

Brenda Rummel, Prairie Heights Elementary School principal, said a children's counseling service was brought in to help those grieving. But she

added the outpouring of love toward Christopher and his family was strong.

"The students are coping well," Rummel said. "Students are writing cards and letters. Some children are collecting money for Riley (Hospital for Children). Two fourth-grade students encouraged making cards and will deliver them. Chris was always trying to make the best of the situation."

Carol Northup said she has no doubts her grandson is going to heaven.

"The hospice nurse was here, and he asked if you can look down from heaven," Carol said between sobs. "I told him I loved him so much. He made a zero with his fingers and said, 'You're right here in my heart, and there's no way

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Christopher Dickerson, 7, of rural LaGrange, has lost his battle with pancreatic cancer.

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CANCER: Funeral for Dickerson is today in Stroh

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out.”

His mother, Kristin, said Christopher loved to play baseball, soccer, ride a four-wheeler, fish, play Xbox and ride a tractor.

“It’s very hard, but I have much support,” Kristin Dickerson said. She said she appreciated the tremendous outpouring of fundraisers and prayers for Christopher that have poured in beyond the four-county area. Christopher also was

honored by the Prairie Heights varsity volleyball and basketball teams.

Kristin recalled Tuesday night how caring and loving her son was toward everyone. After spring break, he never returned to school because his cancer spread. His teacher, Tammy Shultz, brought him his homework. He was on the honor roll, had neat penmanship and loved to read everything.

He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ,

where Craig Williams and his family of Angola got to know Christopher and his family.

“He had a smile and giggle that were contagious,” Williams said. “He was the ultimate optimist. . . . He was one of the catalysts to get his family back to church.”

Funeral services are today at 11 a.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ, 4540 S. C.R. 1100W, Stroh, with Jeffrey Cook and Michael Hamm officiating.

Hazel Hartley

COLUMBIA CITY — Hazel L. Hartley, age 96, of Columbia City, Ind., passed away at 1:15 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Sycamore Village, Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Hartley

Born May 28, 1914, in Mercer County, Pa., she was the daughter of Charles and Emma (Miller) Musselman.

She lived in Allen and Noble counties until moving to Florida and then returned to Whitley County. She married Ralph “Jack” Hartley.

She worked for Fort Wayne Community Schools at Lakeside School as a cook.

Survivors include her daughters, Josephine Hyndman of Columbia City and Jackie Jaminson of Monticello, Ill.; sisters, Margaret Kimmell of Kendallville, Maxine Smart of Sebring, Fla., and Rosie Lietch of Fostoria, Ohio; brother, Clarence Musselman of Concord, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph “Jack” Hartley; her daughters, Shirley Ott Wise and Mary Jane Nesbitt; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; and two brothers, Everett and Donald Musselman.

Visitation is from 1-3 p.m. today, Friday, May 13, 2011, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2011, at the funeral home with Sharon Brockhaus, certified funeral celebrant, officiating.

Burial will be at Jefferson Chapel (Sand Bank)

Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Hartley to the Whitley County Humane Shelter, Columbia City, or to the donor’s choice of charity. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Phineas Schrock

LAGRANGE — Phineas W. “Pete” Schrock, 74, of LaGrange died Thursday at his residence in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Benton Lutheran Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer’s Association or the Parkinson’s Foundation.

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William Miner

BUTLER — William D. "Bill" Miner, 85, of Butler died Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miner was the supervisor of security for Omniplex, retiring in 2000. He also worked as a supervisor in the foundry industry for 22 years, including the Fort Wayne Foundry for 12 years and the Pontiac Foundry for five years.

He was a member, Sunday school teacher, board member, and head trustee of the Nazarene Church. The church gave him a special certificate for his work in the church.

Bill centered his life around God and his family, especially his wife, children and grandchildren.

He was a charter member of COPS.

He was born Feb. 14, 1926, in Conesville, Ohio, to Harry E. and Nellie M. (Glosser) Miner.

He married Dorothy L. Kinney on April 22, 1950, in Greenup, Kentucky. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, George E. Miner of Hamilton, Scott B. and Lana Miner of Butler, and Mark A. and Teri Miner of Hamilton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherri L. Robinson of Fort Wayne, and Susan D. and Nathan Young of Jackson, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren, John A. Farmer,



Mr. Miner

Gerald Van Wagner

ANGOLA — Gerald Dean "Jerry" Van Wagner, 80, of Angola died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Van Wagner owned Van Wagner's Meat Market and Slaughter House in Angola.



Mr. Van Wagner

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Mr. Van Wagner was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Angola Lions Club, Angola American Legion Post 31, the Nightcrawlers, the Angola Moose Lodge and the Village Kitchen Coffee Club.

He was also a director and past president of the Steuben County REMC and a past president and director of the statewide REMC.

He was born Jan. 6, 1931, in Angola to Dale A. and Wreathia C. (Fisher) Van Wagner. He married Frances Ann "Fran" Cimbale on Sept. 5, 1953. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are five daughters, Jacquelyn German and her husband Gary of Sweetwater, Tenn.; Karen Ann Gillen of Angola, Roberta K. Nelson and her husband Marc of Angola, Rebecca S. White of Seattle, Wash., and Laura Lynn Van Wagner and her partner Kris Flotow of Portage, Mich.; a sister, Marilyn Geren and her husband Larry of Kingston, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Military graveside services by American Legion Post 31 will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and the Angola Lions Club.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Shannone M. Hart, Tricia L. Miner, Eric W. Miner, Amy A. Stansbery, Jeremy W. Miner, Nick Miner, Andrea J. L. Robinson, Joshua A. Young, Danniell N. Batista, Hannah J. L. Miner, Hope D. Miner, and Madeline E. Miner; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, William D. Miner Jr.; five brothers, Harry E. Miner, Fred E. Miner, Jerry Q. Miner, James E. Miner, and George M. Miner; and two sisters, Lucile D. Steffen, and Rosemary J. Miner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Scott B. Miner officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Concerns of Police Survivors, COPS.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Eva Stockberger

SOUTH BEND — Eva Stockberger, 90, of South Bend passed away on

Thursday, May 12, 2011, with her loving family at her bedside at Your Home Assisted Living in South Bend.



**Mrs.
Stockberger**

Eva was born on April 21, 1921, in Elkhart, Ind., to the late Stephen and Eva (Csontos) Kish.

On February 1, 1947, Eva married Bill J. Stockberger in Mishawaka, Ind. Eva and Bill were married for 49 years. Bill passed away on August 3, 1996.

Her son, Bill G. Stockberger of Angola, Ind., and a daughter A. Lisa Stockberger of Granger, Ind., survive Eva.

Also surviving are two sisters, Clara Jaworski of Granger and Josephine Perri of Mishawaka.

Three brothers, Steve Kish, Ervin Kish and Charles Kish, preceded Eva in death.

Mrs. Stockberger retired in 1984 from Kmart as a department head after 17 years of service.

Eva was a parishioner of Saint Matthew Catholic Cathedral in South Bend.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 15, 2011, from 2 to 6 p.m., with a rosary to be recited at 4:30 p.m. at the Bubb Funeral Chapel, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday May 16, 2011, at the St. Matthew Catholic Cathedral, 1701 Miami, in South Bend with Monsignor Michael Heintz officiating. Burial is to follow the service at the St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park in Granger.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Center for Hospice Care, 1110 W. Sunnysbrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637 or to Forever Friends Memorial Scholarship Steuben County Community Foundation, 1701 N. Wayne, Angola, IN 46703.

Esther Oliver

HOWE — Esther May Oliver, 94, of Howe died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Oliver lived in LaGrange County all of her life and retired in 1982 from the accounting department of the former State Bank of Lima in Howe.

She was a member of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Howe, and the women's group of the church.

Mrs. Oliver was born Sept. 3, 1916, in Howe to Claud and Edna (Carbaugh) Lovell; they both preceded her in death.

She married Joe D. Oliver on Nov. 29, 1933, in Angola. He preceded her in death on May 19, 1980.

Surviving is a sister, Claudine Brown of LaGrange; and many nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a sister, Mildred Gaither, and a brother, Alvin Lovell.

A graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, with Archdeacon George Douglas officiating.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Parish in Howe.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Betty Lewis

STURGIS, Mich. — Betty J. Lewis, 69, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Joe Dohner

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Joe E. Dohner, 65, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Thursday evening, May 12, 2011, in his home following an illness.

Born April 6, 1946, at Butler, Indiana, to Howard Eugene and Jennibell (Whitman) Dohner, he was a former Butler, Indiana, and Edgerton, Ohio, resident. He had been a Montpelier resident since 1967.

Joe had retired in 1992 as a machine operator from the former Mohawk Tools Inc. of Montpelier where he had been employed for 26 years.

He was an active participant at the Montpelier Senior Center, as well as enjoyed serving as an active volunteer at Valley-of-the-Pines RV Park at Angola, Indiana.

On July 12, 1964, he was married to Jean E. Baughman, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John (Lisa) Dohner and Jerry (fiancee Annette Brown) Dohner, both of Montpelier; four grandchildren, Jason (Tori) Dohner, Joey (Amy) Dohner, Amanda (special friend Matt Strobel) Dohner, Jeri (special friend Christopher Semenovich), all of Montpelier; four great-grandchildren, Jarron, Joel, Tayla, and Aubrey Dohner; and a brother, Clyde (Phyllis) Dohner of Auburn, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Charlotte Husted.

Theo Thomas

SYRACUSE — Theo J. Thomas, 84, of Syracuse died Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice, 240 S. Jefferson, Suite C, Huntington, IN 46750 or Calvary United Methodist Church, 801 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN 46567.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Suggested memorials are to Hospice of Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers or to the Montpelier Senior Center.

Arrangements are by Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

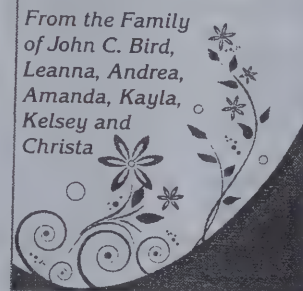
Condolences to the Dohner family may be made at www.wilsongeeseyfuneralhome.com.

The Family of JOHN CHRISTOPHER BIRD

would like to thank the Mongo Volunteer Fire Dept., LaGrange EMS, Prairie Heights High School, Lake Missionary Church, Metal Spinners, Griffith Rubber Mills, Pastor Lance Witnam, Associate Pastor Mike Cain for the service and Carney Frost Funeral Home.

*We'll miss you very much, John.
Again, thank you everyone.*

*From the Family
of John C. Bird,
Leanna, Andrea,
Amanda, Kayla,
Kelsey and
Christa*



Herber noted for fireplaces, kindness

BY JENNIFER DECKER

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FREMONT — Robert Herber was known for his fireplaces he built, in addition to his random acts of kindness he never wanted any hoopla over.

Mr. Herber, 88, of Fremont, died April 25 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the retired owner of Lakewood Mobile Home Park in Fremont and was also a builder and owner of Herber Construction.

He was born Oct. 24, 1922 in Fort Wayne to Oscar and Sophia (Fahrenbach) Herber and they preceded him in death.

His first wife, June (Eckman) Herber, preceded him in death March 5, 1982. He married his second wife, Lois (Adams) Herber on Aug. 7, 1982 and she survives.

Lois said she was married to Robert's brother, Stan, for 32 years. He died. Lois' mentor was June, Robert's first wife, and she died a few years after Stan. "My boys and I brought dinner to (Robert) and (love) just happened," Lois said.

Mr. Herber was a star athlete, graduating in 1941 from Fort Wayne North Side High School, where he

was an all-state performer for the track and cross country teams. He was the runner-up in the mile distance run at the state track meet and recorded the fastest mile time in the state his senior year — 4 minutes, 28 seconds.

He earned a scholarship to Indiana University, which he attended one year before being drafted into the U.S. Army and serving in World War II.

Mr. Herber was a builder. "He built wonderful fireplaces — limestone in the basement and brick," Lois said. "He loved to build. We bought an old cabin in Curtis, Mich. and he put in knotty pine (and remodeled it)."

Lois said her husband was still building at the age of 72. He even installed steps going down to the lake and she said he worked by tying a rope around his waist and going up and down.

"He was very kind. I never did anything wrong in his eyes," she said. "He helped many people over the

years."

Mr. Herber loved the outdoors including pheasant hunting and fishing, the lake, and playing golf. "He loved it here. Even though we went to Florida for the winter, he couldn't wait to come back," she said.

One of Mr. Herber's twin sons, Kevin, purchased the mobile home park from his father in 1994. His parents — Robert and June, who Kevin said made a good team — purchased ground at Barton Lake and started the trailer court in 1961. That park has now grown to 193 lots. "We wanted to keep (Lakewood) in the family. In the 50s and 60s, he built several homes in the county. He was a mason and general contractor," Kevin said.

"He was very humble. He was known for working with people. In several instances, people came back to thank him and he didn't remember (doing anything special)."

Services for Mr. Herber were held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial was in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont. Memorials may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.



Herber

Eva Stockberger

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Stanley Vincent

AUBURN — Stanley Earl Vincent, 82, of Auburn, died Friday, May 13, 2011 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He owned and operated Sentron Company.

He served in the National Guard and was a former member of the Garrett Rotary and First Church of Christ Garrett where he served as an elder, deacon and Sunday school teacher. Most recently he attended the First Church of Christ in Butler.

Mr. Vincent was born

Aug. 10, 1928 in Middlebury to the late Orist Harold and Grace Lenora (Esch) Vincent. He married Mary Elizabeth Miller on Nov. 9, 1949, and she preceded him in death on June 28, 2005.

He is survived by two sons, Randy Vincent, Dallas, Texas, and Kevin Vincent, Chicago, Ill.; two daughters, Pamela Reinoehl, Garrett, and Karen Reynolds, Urbana, Ill.; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Wayne Vincent, Hamilton, Mo., and Keith Vincent, Tampa, Fla.; and three sisters, Helen Werich, Martinsville, Lenora Coyle, Elkhart and Texas, and Carol Johnson, Goshen.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Vincent, and a sister, Lois Miller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Butler Church of Christ or the Diabetes Association.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Billy Freeman

FORT WAYNE — Billy L. Freeman, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, May 13, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a 1950 graduate of Leo High School. He served as an Airman First Class in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He worked at REA Express and International Harvester. He was a member of Robinson Chapel United



Mr. Freeman

Methodist Church, Parkview Seniors Club and American Legion Post 82.

Billy was a devoted husband and father of four children and five grandchildren. He had a love for restoring Allis Chalmers tractors and helping out anyone in need.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Georgia L. Carter Freeman of Fort Wayne; daughter, Connie (John) Lierer of Cincinnati, Ohio; son, James Freeman of Lakewood, Calif.; daughter, Teresa (Paul) Zoito of Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Dawn (Scott) Craven of Lakewood, Calif.; four grandchildren, Jennifer Lierer, Bryan Lierer, Natalie Freeman and Connor Freeman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund Homer and Edna Faye Freeman; a sister, Helen Griffin; a sister, Virginia (Edward) Bry; a brother, Donald (Dorothy) Freeman; a sister, Betty (Chet) Berryhill; and a grandson, Jake Edmund Freeman.

Bonnie Raeke

GRABILL, IND. — Bonnie Lue Raeke, 77, died Saturday at her home in Grabill.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, Ind.

A full obituary will be in Monday's paper.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at Robinson Chapel Church, 12707 Tonkel Rd., Fort Wayne, with visitation an hour prior. Visitation will also be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorials to be directed to Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

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May 16, 2011, Monday

Bonnie Raeke

GRABILL — Bonnie Lue Raeke, 77, died Saturday, May 14, 2011, at her home in Grabill.

She was born on May 6, 1934, in Spencerville to the late Delbert Roscoe and Garnet Gloria (Hudson) Furnish. She married Robert Theodore Raeke on Nov. 1, 1952, at the United Methodist parsonage in Spencerville.

Surviving are a son, Wayne E. (Jan) Raeke of Fremont; grandchildren Daniel L. (Jenny) Raeke of Lafayette, Wayne E. Raeke II of West Lafayette, and Robert G. Raeke of Fremont; two great-grandchildren, Brayden and Brody Raeke; a sister, Judith Howard of Union City, Ohio; and brothers James Furnish of Hamilton and Jerry Furnish of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by twin sister, Bettie Sue Furnish, sister Nancy Fogle and brother William Furnish.

Bonnie retired from GTE, now Verizon, after 38 1/2 years of service. She is the past president of Telephone Pioneers of America, a member of Spencerville Eastern Star, Leo American Legion, New Haven VFW and the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville. She attended the Spencerville United Methodist Church in Spencerville, where she enjoyed being involved with the Ladies Group and serving meals to the St. Joe

Lions Club.

Calling will be on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Services will be on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Donna Gammon officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Barbara Lehman

LAGRANGE — Barbara J. Lehman, 90, of LaGrange, and formerly of Middlebury, died Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Ira Fry residence, 0115 N. C.R. 1100W, Middlebury. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the David Bontrager residence, 11070 W. 050N, Middlebury.

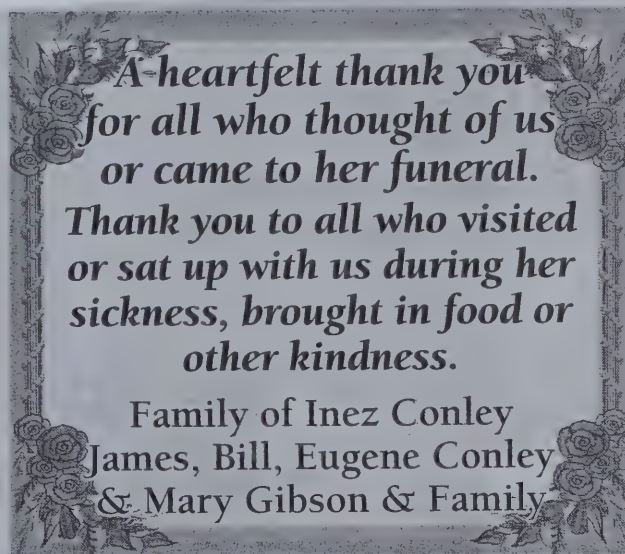
Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Nancy Panning

GARRETT — Nancy Panning, 76, of Garrett died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.



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Sue King

COLUMBIA CITY — Sue L. King, 82, of Columbia City died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she was admitted May 12.



Mrs. King

She had lived in Whitley County most of her life, and had also lived in Arizona and at Troy Cedar Lake and Fort Wayne.

Mrs. King worked at Etna Troy Elementary School for three years and at Don Hall's Hollywood Drive-In Restaurant, retiring in 1998.

She attended New Hope Wesleyan Church.

Mrs. King was a 1947 graduate of Columbia City High School and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Saint Francis in 1974.

She was born Sept. 10, 1928, in LaGrange County to Daniel J.S. and Ida S. (Eash) Yoder. She married Benjamin F. King May 28, 1947. He died July 21, 1983.

Surviving are six children, Dallas (Judy) King of Columbia City, Steve (Beth Ann) King of Sahuarita, Ariz., Randall (Pat) King of Avilla, Greg (Bernie) King of Columbia City, Linda King of Columbia City and Tammera (Bryan) Humes of Columbia City; 20 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Mazie Harper of Coolidge, Ariz., Edna Hunt of Huntington, Peggy Carrel of Dallas, Texas, and Dorothy Hansen of Pahrump, Nev.

Bonnie Raeke

GRABILL — Bonnie Lue Raeke, 77, died Saturday, May 14, 2011, at her home in Grabill.

She was born on May 6, 1934, in Spencerville to the late Delbert Roscoe and Garnet Gloria (Hudson) Furnish. She married Robert Theodore Raeke on Nov. 1, 1952, at the United Methodist parsonage in Spencerville.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Raeke, of Grabill; a son, Wayne E. (Jan) Raeke of Fremont; grandchildren Daniel L.

(Jenny) Raeke of Lafayette; Wayne E. Raeke II of West Lafayette, and Robert G. Raeke of Fremont; two great-grandchildren, Brayden and Brody Raeke; a sister, Judith Howard of Union City, Ohio; and brothers James Furnish of Hamilton and Jerry Furnish of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by twin sister, Bettie Sue Furnish, sister Nancy Fogle and brother William Furnish.

Bonnie retired from GTE, now Verizon, after 38 1/2 years of service. She is the past president of Telephone Pioneers of America, a member of Spencerville Eastern Star, Leo American Legion, New Haven VFW and the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville. She attended the Spencerville United Methodist Church in Spencerville, where she enjoyed being involved with the Ladies Group and serving meals to the St. Joe Lions Club.

Calling will be today, Tuesday, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Services will be on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Donna Gammon officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Harley D. Yoder.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco at a later date.

The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Louis Hernandez

ANGOLA — Louis E. Hernandez, age, 48, of Fremont, Indiana, died at 1:23 P.M. on Sunday, May 15, 2011, shortly after admittance to Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.



**Mr.
Hernandez**

Mr. Hernandez was a 1981 graduate of Stryker High School, where he was active in baseball, track and wrestling.

He recently had been employed by Fremont Village Foods and was a volunteer track coach at Angola High School.

He was also an avid Chicago Bears and Angola Hornets Fan.

Louis E. Hernandez was born on December 21, 1962, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Carlos and Febe (Figuora) Hernandez. He married Teresa L. Porath on October 15, 1988, in Stryker, Ohio, and she survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three children, Joshua Mercer of Hicksville, Ohio, Joy (Joe) Hurst of Defiance, Ohio, and Izaiah "Z" Hernandez of Fremont; one grandson, Kellen Hurst; and a sister, Grace (Tony) Gonzalez, of Bryan, Ohio. Also surviving

are numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Visitation will be held today, Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan. Services will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Becky Sanchez officiating. Interment will follow in West Franklin Cemetery near West Unity, Ohio.

Memorials are requested to the Kidney Foundation or to 4-Ever Friends at Angola High School.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Nancy Panning

GARRETT — Nancy Rebekah Panning, "The Cricket Lady," age 76, died on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

She was born March 21, 1935, in Auburn to R.D. and Eunice (Rufner) Parker.

She along with her former husband, Jack Panning, operated Panning's Crickets, Bait & Tackle Shop in Garrett for over 20 years.

She was a homemaker and mother to six children, Lyn Grogg of Fremont, Todd (Renee) Panning of Garrett and Tonia (Andy) Baker of Avilla; a grandmother to nine grandchildren, Stacey Grogg Williamson of Tampa, Fla., Amanda Fehmann of Fort Wayne, Chad Baker of Fort Wayne, Jessica Baker of Avilla, Kyle Baker of Avilla, Sarah Baker Coe of Avilla, Amber Panning Dock of LaOtto and Chrystal and Ashley Panning of Garrett. She was a great-grandmother to 17 and a great-great-grandmother to two.

Also surviving are three sisters, Frankie Bennet of Largo, Fla., Donna Benner of Garrett and Bobbie Hicks of Kendallville.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, R.D. Parker and Eunice Moses; a son, Nate Panning; two infants, Johnny Lee and Angela Gale Panning; a sister Dottie Perry; and a brother, Fayette Parker.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, May 20, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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William Waikel Jr.

FORT WAYNE — William Edward Waikel Jr., 86, died Monday, May 16, 2011, at Hamilton House in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Waikel was a Fort Wayne native.

He was a truck driver with Renners Express for 42 years, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Waikel was a fireman first class for the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Helen L. Waikel of Fort Wayne; three sons, Terry E. (Penny) Waikel of Albion, Scott W. (MaryAnn) Waikel and Rodger D. (Valerie) Waikel both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Betty Mudrack of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Waikel; two brothers, Jack and Ralph Waikel; and a sister, Neva Chamness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Visitation will also be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.



Mr. Waikel

John Smith

FORT WAYNE — John Blair Smith, 56, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Angola and Fremont, died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no visitation or services.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Katie Miller

LAGRANGE — Katie W. Miller of LaGrange died on Monday, May 16, 2011, at home.

Services are Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Dennis Schlabach's residence, 1740 North 400W, LaGrange, with Bishop John Lambright and Home Ministry officiating. Burial is in Mast Cemetery.

Visitation is at the family's home today at 4 p.m. and all day Wednesday.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Betty Lewis

STURGIS, Mich. — Betty Jane Lewis, 69, of Sturgis and formerly of LaGrange, Ind., died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at her residence.

Cremation will take place.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

5-story fall kills area man

BY BOB CULP

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BUTLER — A Garrett man fell 100 feet to his death Tuesday morning at Iron Dynamics in rural Butler, DeKalb County Police reported.

David Gingery, 27, was working on a roof for Power Clean, a contractor at the plant, when the roof collapsed under him at about 9 a.m., police said.

DeKalb County Sheriff's detective Adam Friedel said Gingery was wearing a harness and lanyard and was attached to a safety cable called a "rat line," according to a news release.

The rat line snapped, Gingery fell about five stories, and he died upon impact, Friedel said.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and the DeKalb County Coroner's Office are investigating the incident.

Power Clean uses high-pressure water to clean industrial facilities. Iron Dynamics produces liquid iron used in making flat-roll steel at the neighboring Steel Dynamics steel mill.

Funeral arrangements for Gingery are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

N. Maxine Miller

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — N. Maxine Miller, 83, died Monday, May 16, 2011, at Bryan Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Bryan.

Mrs. Miller was a graduate of Auburn High School.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Sherwood.

She was born Aug. 30, 1927, in Auburn, Ind., to Raymond and Grace (Carmer) Albright. She married David Miller Oct. 23, 1946. He preceded her in death Sept. 15, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Rebecca (Frank) Philpot of Napoleon and Virginia Congleton of Hicksville; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister, Georgia Hart of Missouri; and a daughter-in-law, Jannette Huggins of Lincolnton, N.C.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, David L. Miller and Warren "Butch" Miller; a brother, Jack Albright; and two sisters, June Miller and Edna Smith.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio.

Online condolences may be sent to www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Terry Lockhart

HUDSON — Terry Lee Lockhart, 58, died Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Lockhart farmed, was a truck driver and worked at Moore's Business Forms.

He was a member of the National Guard.

Mr. Lockhart was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was a member of Cedar Lake Church Of Christ.

He was born May 18, 1952, in Garrett to Richard and Velma (Kniss) Lockhart. His mother is deceased and his father and stepmother, Richard and Lois Jean Lockhart survive in Ashley.

Also surviving are two daughters, Stacy Lockhart of Hudson and Emily Grigsby of LaGrange; a brother, Alan and Brenda Lockhart of Ashley; two sisters, Kathy Orwig of Ashley and Linda and Jerry Engstrand of Hopkinton, New Hampshire; three grandchildren, Derrik Gibson, Hayley Prater and Jason Grigsby; and a stepsister, Shelley and Ken Meyer of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jason James Lockhart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Steve Evans officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Connie Nash

ASHLEY — Connie M. Nash, 62, died Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at her home in Ashley.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Ashley Church of God, 101 N. Gonser St., Ashley, with Pastor Robert Neace officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family in care of James Nash.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Verba Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Verba Mae Miller, 95, formerly of Shipshewana, died Monday, May 16, 2011, at the home of her daughter in Mio, Mich., where she had been residing.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Thursday at the LaVern Beechy residence, 5580 W. C. R. 200N, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in the East Barrens Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Norma Eash

LAGRANGE — Norma Jean Smith Eash, 75, died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Autumn Care of Statesville, N.C.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Nicholson Funeral Home Chapel in Statesville.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the services.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana. Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625.

Douglas B. Emrick, 68

Douglas B. "Doug" Emrick, 68, of Avilla died Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in his residence.

Mr. Emrick was a lifetime area resident. He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1961. He was a machinist at Morr Pattern and Tool in Kendallville and retired from Pease Windamatic in Huntertown.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born January 16, 1943, in Kendallville to Toellner and Thelma (Ewell) Emrick. On December 21, 1963, at Zion Lutheran Church in DeKalb County he married Sandra D. Smith.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra D. "Sandie" Emrick of Avilla; two daughters, Monica Duehmig of Kendallville and Michelle (Ed) Keil of Huntertown; five grandchildren, Justin Liedel, Hillary (Jason) Kline, Kyle Duehmig, Kelsie Duehmig, and Drew Keil; a great-grandson, William Kline; two sisters, Marilyn Kreig of Fort Wayne and Judy Cooley of Ligonier; and a brother, David (Anna) Emrick of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were Friday, May 13, 2011, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner and Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren and great-grandson. Active pallbearers were Delbert Smith, John Baker, Johnathan Smith, Brandon Hicks, Eric Rupley, and Rex Snyder.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, Parkview Noble Home Health Care and Hospice, or Make-A-Wish Foundation.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfunerlahome.com

Earl Bromley Sr.

COLUMBIA CITY — Earl L. Bromley Sr., 51, of Noble County died at 10:29 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at his home. He had been battling cancer for the past three years.



Mr. Bromley

He was born February 12, 1960, in Columbia City, Indiana, a son of Floyd and Evlon (Harrington) Bromley.

His formative years were spent in Noble County. He completed his education at West Noble High School.

On July 29, 1983, he was united in marriage to Linda S. Wade. They made their home in Whitley and Kosciusko counties before moving to Noble County in 1991.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church and a lifetime member of North American Hunt Club.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Linda; two sons, Earl (Katie) Bromley Jr. of Noble County and Tim (Bonnie Smith) Halsey of Columbia City; three grandchildren, Nick Bromley, Jasmine Smith and Ashley Smith; a sister, Shirley Richards of Avilla; and four brothers, Don Bromley of Huntington, Willie Bromley of Cromwell, Ronnie Bromley of Auburn and Arnie Bromley of Cromwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert Bromley, David Bromley, Chuck Bromley; and a sister, Nancy Elliott.

The funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the final expense account at Smith & Sons Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

John Smith

FORT WAYNE — John Blair Smith, 56, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Angola and Fremont died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had formerly been employed at One Stop Auto in Angola.

He had attended Angola High School.

Mr. Smith served in the United States Army and in the Army National Guard.

He was born May 12, 1955, in Angola to Robert B. and Margaret Ann (Moore) Smith. They preceded him in death.

Surviving is a brother, William O. Smith of Angola.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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Forrest Johnson

ANGOLA — Forrest L. "Cork" Johnson, 82, died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Northern Lake Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Johnson retired from Bendix Corp. in South Bend in 1986. He and his wife were the owners of the Snow Lake Mobile Home Park.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Mr. Johnson was a 50-year member of Angola American Legion Post # 31 and also a 50-year member of the Angola F&AM Lodge # 236.

He was born March 4, 1929, in Dayton, Ohio, to Forrest L. Johnson Sr. and Nina Elizabeth Fisher. He married Alicia Anne Simpson on Aug. 17, 1957, at the First Methodist Church in Niles, Mich., and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael of Albion and Chris of Niles, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Chris Boone of Angola; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Sanford and Cyrus Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with Mike Hamm of the Stroh Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in the Jamestown Cemetery.



Mr. Johnson

Ruth Sand

TROY, Ohio — Ruth Jean Sand, 75, of Troy and formerly of The Villages, Fla., and Kendallville, Ind., died Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at Upper Valley Medical Center.

Mrs. Sand retired as office manager of Kraft Foods in Kendallville.



Mrs. Sand

She was a graduate of Warsaw High School, Warsaw, Ind.

Mrs. Sand was a member of the Red Hat Club in Kendallville and the Kendallville Elks #1194.

She was a member of New Covenant Methodist Church of The Villages.

Mrs. Sand was born in Warsaw on Oct. 13, 1935. Her father, Paul Elliot, is deceased. Her mother, Edna Alice (Thompson) Evers, survives in Warsaw. Mrs. Sand was preceded in death by her stepfather, Glen Dawson Evers.

She married Ronald David Sand on Oct. 17, 1953, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Teresa Beltz of Troy, Ohio, and Laura Harrison of Indianapolis, Ind.; a son and daughter in-law, Dr. David and Debbie Sand of Fort Wayne, Ind.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Private service will be at the convenience of the family in Troy.

Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Southwest Regional Office, 2808 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206 or Hospice of Miami County, P.O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373.

Condolences may be sent to www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, with a Masonic Service at 6:30 p.m. and one hour Saturday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the ALS or the American Cancer Society.

To leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.thejohnsonfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Terry Lee Lockhart

HUDSON — Terry Lee Lockhart, 58, died Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at the IU Medical

Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Lockhart farmed, was a truck driver and worked at Moore's Business Forms.



Mr. Lockhart

He was a member of the National Guard.

Mr. Lockhart was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was a member of Cedar Lake Church Of Christ.

He was born May 18, 1952, in Garrett to Richard and Velma (Kniss) Lockhart. His mother is deceased and his father and stepmother, Richard and Lois Jean Lockhart survive in Ashley.

Also surviving are his children, Stacy Lockhart of Hudson, Emily Grigsby of LaGrange and Alex and Ashley Essig; a brother, Alan and Brenda Lockhart of Ashley; two sisters, Kathy Orwig of Ashley and Linda and Jerry Engstrand of Hopkinton, New Hampshire; three grandchildren, Derrik Gibson, Hayley Prater and Jason Grigsby; and a stepsister, Shelley and Ken Meyer of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jason James Lockhart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Steve Evans officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today, Thursday.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

David Gingery

GARRETT — David Wayne Gingery, 27 of Garrett died Monday, May 17, 2011, from injuries sustained in a work-related accident.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church at Garrett.

Karen Tonne

GREENCASTLE — Karen Tonne, 58, of Greencastle and formerly of Steuben County died Sunday, May 15, 2011, in Greencastle.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. A lunch will follow.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

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Julia Boltz

GARRETT — Julia A. Boltz, age 66, of Garrett, Ind., died at 3:22 a.m.

Thursday, May 19, 2011, at her home.

She was born September 21, 1944, in Garrett,

Ind., to Dale **Mrs. Boltz** and Victoria M. (Sherban) Bennett and he preceded her in death. Julia married Wayne E. Boltz on June 12, 1965, in Garrett.

She had worked as a nurse's aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 15 years, before going back to school. She was an LPN at Sacred Heart Hospital, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, and DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She was one of the first EMT's in Garrett, working for 8 years.

Julia was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and was a member of the DeKalb County Homemaker's Chorus.

Julia is survived by her husband: Wayne E. Boltz, Garrett, Ind.; parents, William A. and Victoria M. Ort, Garrett, Ind.; stepmother: Annabelle Bennett, Fort Wayne, Ind.; a daughter, Bethann (Barry) Ousley, Syracuse, Ind.; and two sons, David (Joyce) Boltz and Michael (Janell) Boltz, both of Garrett, Ind.

She is also survived by two brothers, William "Chuck" (Terry) Ort, Garrett, Ind., and Bruce (Judy) Bennett, Fort Wayne, Ind.; two sisters, Alice (Jerry) Weller, Garrett, Ind., and Pam Czarnowski, Plymouth, Mich. She is survived by her grandchildren, David Jr. (Toni) Boltz, Tiffany Boltz and Cord Boltz all of Garrett, Ind.,



Mary Spice

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mary M. Spice, 96, of Adams Lake, Wolcottville, died Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the home of her daughter, Louise Dunafin.

Private funeral services will be held in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, Ohio.

Jessica (Cody) Immel, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Caitlan Boltz, Aiden Boltz, Conner Boltz and Sophia Boltz, all of Garrett, Ind., Lee (Shawna) Boltz, Huxley, Texas, Charley Ousley, Syracuse, Ind., Ethan Ousley, Syracuse, Ind., and Justin Ousley, Columbia City, Ind.

She is survived by her great-grandchildren, Payton Boltz, Aleha Boltz and Alexis Boltz, all of Garrett, and Xion Immel, Fort Wayne, Ind., and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Hannah, Huxley, Texas.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, Ind., and from 9-10 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2011, at the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2011, at the First Church of Christ, Garrett, Ind.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hospital Kidney Transplant Unit.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ruth Colestock

CLEARWATER, Fla. —

Ruth
Genevieve
(Hines)
Wren

Colestock of
Clearwater,
Fla., went
home to her
Lord on
May 14,
2011.



**Mrs.
Colestock**

Ruth was
born May 30, 1924, in
Niles, Mich., the daughter of
Harold and Ellen Hines.

Ruth is survived by three
sisters, Doris Gray of Leo,
Evelyn Bonar of Clearwater
and Carolyn Scott of
Auburn. A brother, Harold
Hines Jr. ("Johnnie")
predeceased her.

Ruth was married to Clair
Raymond Wren, who died
July 16, 1974. She was the
mother of Jill Benhower and
husband, Dennis "Ben"
Benhower, of Camp
Sherman, Ore., and loving
grandmother of Bethany
Wren Gunnarson and her
husband, Luke, of Oregon,
Kyle David Benhower of
Oregon, and Jeramy Cassady
of Los Angeles, Calif.

She was the mother of
Randy Jack Wren who died
in infancy, and Jack David
Wren, who predeceased her.

Ruth is survived by her
husband, Robert Colestock,
and stepchildren, Rochelle
Ann Specht, Robert Jay
Colestock of Boca Raton,
Fla., Larry Douglas
Colestock of Fort Wayne,
Robert William Colestock of
Hanson, Mass., and James
Leonard Colestock of Wheat
Ridge, Colo.

An extended family and
many friends will miss her
love, affection, laughter and
enthusiasm.

Ruth's ashes will be
borne by the wind over her
favorite mountain, Black
Butte, near Sisters, Ore.

Memorials are to
Suncoast Hospice in
Clearwater.

There has never been a
more loving, kind, sweet
soul and she rests now in
The Lord's caring arms.

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James Zachrich

DEFIANCE, Ohio — James M. "Jimbo" Zachrich Sr., 89, of Defiance died Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at Mercy Hospital in Fairfield, Ohio.

He was born on November 11, 1921, on Henry Street in Defiance, Ohio, to Martin H. Zachrich and Mary (Bruns) Zachrich. In 1944 he married Gloria "Lolly" Betten; she preceded him in death in 2002.

He was employed at Defiance Metal Products in November of 1940 until joining the Navy in October of 1941, serving on the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier until 1945.

James returned to Defiance Metal Products and retired June 1, 1992.

James served as a past board member First Federal of Defiance from 1975-1998.

He was a member of the Defiance Rotary Club, Kettenring Country Club, Miles Grant Country Club in Stuart, Florida, St. John's Lutheran Church of Defiance and a friend of Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel at Clear Lake, Indiana.

He was also a lifetime member of Defiance Fish & Game and loved to fish, especially with his buddy Hymie Geiger and anyone who would dare to fish with them.

Survivors include four children, James M. Zachrich Jr. of Hilton Head, S.C., Jon D. Zachrich of Columbus, Ohio, Martin H. Zachrich of Clear Lake, Ind., and Julie Z. Monson of Indianapolis, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ione Zachrich, and his brothers, Richard Zachrich and Charles Zachrich.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 23, at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Those planning a memorial contribution are asked to consider the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Inc., 5950 Gecowets Drive, Fremont, IN 46737 or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at www.HCSFuneralHome.com.

Kenneth Nodine

GARRETT — Kenneth Nodine, 62, of Garrett died at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at his home.

He was born Oct. 9, 1948 in Garrett.

Kenneth is survived by his four sons: Troy (Stephanie) Nodine of St. Mary's, Ohio, William (Lisa) Nodine of Garrett, Travis (Rhonda) Nodine of Garrett, and Jeremy Nodine of Fort Wayne.

He is also survived by five grandchildren: Kristine Nodine of Garrett; Taylor Nodine of Garrett; Karensa Nodine of Churubusco; Shayna Nodine of Auburn; and Zane Nodine of Garrett.

Also surviving are four people very special to Kenneth, Alan (Eleisha) Goble, Dexter Sexton, Sam (Lisa) Hicks and David (Sue) Daniels.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lafayette and Mildred (Streb) Nodine; two sisters, Barbara Isham and Kathleen Kurtz; and his best friend, David Pippenger.

Kenneth worked at the former Northern Indiana Fuel & Light and at B & O Railroad in Garrett.

He was a proud member of the Garrett Eagles and enjoyed hunting, shoveling snow and being around his closest friends.

No services are scheduled, but a memorial will be held May 27 at 3 p.m. at the home of Eleisha Morris, 0159 C.R. 60 in LaOtto.



Mr. Nodine

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Joann Arbuckle

ELGIN, Ill. — Joann Arbuckle, 58, of Elgin passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at Sherman Hospital.

She was born May 28, 1952, in Noblesville, Ind., the daughter of Theodore and Mary Ellen Arbuckle.

Joann was a retired teacher in the U46 District, most recently teaching at Larkin High School. Joann achieved a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree from National Louis University.

She is survived by her daughters, Maren Celeste (Gamaliel Rivera) Spurgeon and Marta Suzanne Spurgeon; two grandchildren, Gianmarco and Lucy Rivera; her longtime companion, Michael Perkins; her mother, Mary Ellen; her five sisters, Carolyn Bragg, Rosalind Arbuckle, Marianne (Pat) Phillips, Wendy (David) Oetjen and Melody (Kevin) Willibey; and her nephew, Kory Willibey.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services and interment are private.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the Laird Funeral Home, 310 S. State St., Elgin, Ill.

Memorials may be made to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America — www.ccfa.org or multiple sclerosis — www.MSfocus.org.

Ora Mast

GOSHEN — Ora Olen Mast, 87, of Goshen died Thursday, May 19, 2011, at Greencroft Health Care Center, Goshen.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 1 P.M. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Greencroft Health Care Center or the Alzheimer's Association.

Audrey Ternet

AVILLA — Audrey Ternet, 92, of Avilla, died Thursday, May 19, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Private services will be held. Entombment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

E. Ialeene Theisen

EDGERTON, Ohio — E. Ialeene Theisen, 99, died Monday, December 6, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Private interment took place in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton. A graveside service will take place on Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Proud to be a nurse

Yarlot started career at DeKalb Memorial

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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WATERLOO — Ruth Yarlot was the consummate caregiver with a love of nature and a knack for adventure.

She died Feb. 11 at the age of 96 at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Raised in DeKalb County, Yarlot was the youngest of five children. Her mother passed away when Yarlot was 8, said her daughter, Susan Crowl. Yarlot was raised by her father and her older sisters, and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1932.

After working for a year as a nanny, Yarlot entered St. Joseph Nursing School, Crowl said. She graduated in 1936.

"She was so proud to have her nursing degree," daughter Alice Swift said. "When we'd get sick, she was so patient and compassionate. Nursing was the love of her life."

In 1941, Yarlot married her husband, Loren, and the two moved to San Francisco, Calif., where Mr. Yarlot was stationed during World War II. After the war ended, the couple moved to Fort Wayne, where Mrs. Yarlot worked as a nurse for a local doctor.



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Ruth Yarlot and her husband, Loren. Mrs. Yarlot was a nurse dedicated to caring for others, who worked one of the first shifts at DeKalb Memorial Hospital when it opened in 1964.

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Crowl said her mother kept diaries from 1938 to 2009, documenting everything about her life from the weather to her daily happenings. Crowl said she found the invoice from her own birth saved away, along with numerous crates filled with old dance programs, scrapbooks and her parents' old love letters.

The Yarlots raised three children, and Swift said her mother always was involved in her all of their lives, serving as a member of the Hamilton PTA, helping with years of 4-H and as a band parent. She passed on a love of nature to each of her children.

But above all, Swift said, her mother was adamant that her children should go to college.

"I think because of her circumstances growing up, she wanted us to all have an education," Swift said. Mark Yarlott is a geologist in California, and both Crowl and Swift made their careers as teachers.

Eventually the family moved back to DeKalb County because they missed farming and country living, Crowl said. It was where Mrs. Yarlott loved to be, surrounded by the farm and nature.

"She would spend hours out in the garden, taking care of her garden, flower beds and the pond," Crowl said. She often went outside in the freezing Indiana winters to feed the birds because she was worried about them. Her mother even had a pet skunk named Rosie, Swift said.

Yarlott returned to nursing in the 1960s, but she worked second or third

shift so she could be at home with her young son, Mark, when he needed her, Crowl said.

Soon after, she took a job at the new DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Her mother was very proud to tell people she worked one of the first shifts in the hospital, Crowl said. The hospital was her mother's home for the next 20 years, until she retired at age 70.

"To this day, people approach us and say what a good, compassionate nurse she was," Swift said.

But, Mark Yarlott added, his mother knew how to have fun. He said his mom enjoyed traveling the world, playing cards, dancing and watching basketball. And, she was never too old for fun, even recently enjoying a ride on her grandson's motorcycle.

"The most surprising memory ... was (when she) hopped on Chuck's motorcycle when she was well into her 90s," he said.

Roger Strite

WATERLOO — Roger H. Strite, 53, of Waterloo, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Strite served in the U.S. Marine Reserves.

He was a member of the Mile Corner Gun League in Garrett.

He was born March 27, 1958, in Angola.

He married Diana S. Garman on March 31, 1979, in Waterloo and she survives.

Surviving are his mother, Agnes (Wooster) Strite of Waterloo; father, Harlin Strite of Florida; two sons, Jeremy Strite of Waterloo and Andrew Strite of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Gerardo Santoyo of Angola; two grandchildren; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ginger and Larry Wilks of Auburn, Jenny and Robert Downam of Stroh, and Connie and Michael Gerardot of Waterloo.

A memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Valarie Kline officiating.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Diana Strite.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Gail Woods

STURGIS, Mich. — Gail Eugene Woods, 77, of Sturgis, Mich., passed away unexpectedly early Friday morning May 20, 2011 at his home.

He was born Sept. 4, 1933, in Sturgis, a son of the late Gerald and



Mr. Woods

Genivieve (Poe) Woods.

Gail had resided his whole life in Sturgis and was a graduate of Sturgis High School with the class of 1951.

On Nov. 26, 1975, he married Debra Brill in Sturgis.

Following 31 years of dedicated employment as engineer manager at the Machine Rite Company in LaGrange, he retired March 1, 1999. Prior to joining Machine Rite he had been employed by the Kirsch Company in Sturgis as a tool and die maker.

Gail was proud to have served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning the rank of private first class. He enjoyed boating, traveling, woodworking, fishing and working around his home and was known for being able to fix most anything.

He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of 35 years, Debra; three children from a previous marriage; one brother, Earl (Elaine) Woods of Sturgis;

his father and mother-in-law, Bob and Naomi Brill of LaGrange; brother-in-law Mike (Sandi) Brill of Leesburg; and nephews Chris Brill and Cameron Brill, both of Leesburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Donald Woods and Robert Woods.

The family will receive friends from 2-6 p.m. today at the Hackman Family Funeral Homes, Hackman Chapel, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Robert Keim of the First United Methodist Church in Sturgis will officiate. A graveside committal will follow the service at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange where full military honors will be conferred by the U.S. Army Honor Guard and Captain John J. Kelley Post 1355 VFW.

The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Mr. Woods' memory consider the charity of one's choice.

The obituary also may be viewed at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family.

Joann Arbuckle

ELGIN, Ill. — Joann Arbuckle, 58, of Elgin passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at Sherman

Hospital.

She was born May 28, 1952, in Noblesville, Ind., the daughter of Theodore and Mary Ellen Arbuckle.

Joann was a retired teacher in the U46 District, most recently teaching at Larkin High School. Joann achieved a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree from National Louis University.

She is survived by her daughters, Maren Celeste (Gamaliel Rivera) Spurgeon and Marta Suzanne Spurgeon; two grandchildren, Gianmarco and Lucy Rivera; her longtime companion, Michael Perkins; her mother, Mary Ellen; her five sisters, Carolyn Bragg, Rosalind Arbuckle, Marianne (Pat) Phillips, Wendy (David) Oetjen and Melody (Kevin) Willibey; and her nephew, Kory Willibey.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services and interment are private.

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Memorials may be made to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America — www.ccfa.org or multiple sclerosis — www.MSfocus.org.

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Robert Inlow

WATERLOO — Roger D. Inlow, 78, of Waterloo, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at St. Joe Hospital in Fort Wayne surrounded by his family.

He was born May 31, 1932, in DeKalb County to Oren E. and Emma J. Inlow.

He worked in the maintenance department for 37 years at Dana Corporation in Auburn, retiring in 1996. He also worked at International Harvester and the U.S. Postal Service.

He bowled in the Auburn Bowling Leagues and enjoyed having coffee at Richards Restaurant.

Roger married Joan Klink on August 9, 1970, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by three sons and six daughters, Terry (Deb) Inlow of Albion,

Rick Inlow of Ashley, Chris White of California, Christy Davis of Fort Wayne, Pam (Tom) Tharp of Idaho, Cheryl (Jim) Gilbert of Corunna, Teresa McMaken of Butler, Sandy (Paul) Price of Florida, and April (Theresa Onderko) White of Manchester; 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister, Loren Inlow of Fort Wayne, Paul Inlow of Hicksville and Becky Grobis of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, Ryan Gilbert, five brothers and five sisters.

There will be no services conducted.



Mr. Inlow

Jonathan Miller

LAGRANGE —

Jonathan D. Miller, 85, of LaGrange, died Friday, May

20, 2011, at 7:35 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church, a retired farmer and carpenter.

He was born Oct. 2, 1925, in Topeka, to Daniel J. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Miller.

On Nov. 28, 1946, he married Clara W. Miller and she died Jan. 24, 2011.

Surviving are five daughters, Elizabeth (Eli) Miller of Topeka, Edna Mae (John H.) Hochstetler of Howe, Mary Ann (Leland) Lambright, Wilma (Elmer) Hochstetler and Anna Ruth (Harvey) Yoder, all of LaGrange; three sons, Herman (Emma) Miller, Vernon (Mary Edna) Miller and Albert (Esther) Miller, all of Topeka; 50 grandchildren, 106 great-grandchildren, 18 stepgrandchildren, 107 stepgreat-grandchildren, 39 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Urias (Marietta) Miller of Tampico, Ill., and Raymond (Irma) Miller of Goshen; sister, May (Clarence) Schrock of Milroy; sister-in-law, Lydia Mae Miller of LaGrange; and two brothers-in-law, Albert Mast of Sonora, Ky., and Crist Bontrager of St. Ignatius, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his wife, both parents, daughter and son-in-law, Fannie Arlene (Perry) Miller, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren, two brothers, Monroe and Albert Miller, and four sisters, Anna Miller, Ella Mast, Mary Bontrager and Ramah Miller.

Calling will be all day today at the Leland Lambright residence, 1730 North 215 West, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, also at the Leland Lambright Residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop Amos Yoder and home ministers. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

The family invites anyone to share a cup of coffee on "Roger" at Richards Restaurant in Auburn between 2 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

They also ask that any memorials be given in Roger's name to the Northeast Indiana Burn Council, attention Sheryl Mourey, Fort Wayne Burn Unit, 800 Broadway, Suite 315, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Richard Lockhart

ASHLEY — Richard Dale "Dick" Lockhart, 89, of Ashley, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Lockhart spent his life working as a dairy farmer in DeKalb County, retiring in 1994. He was extremely proud of being a farmer and took great pride in his farm and the grounds that surround.

He was a member, deacon, trustee and served on the board of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo.

Dick loved to travel, especially on his motorcycle, even to the point that he took his honeymoon riding his motorcycle.



Mr. Lockhart

He also loved shooting pool.

He was born April 19, 1922, in Ashley, to Ralph and Hazel (Albright) Lockhart.

He married Velma Marie Kniss on June 9, 1950. She passed away May 23, 1971. He then married Lois "Jean" Weirick on June 5, 1990, in Auburn. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are three children and their spouses, Kathy Orwig of Ashley, Alan and Brenda Lockhart of Ashley, and Linda and Jerry Engstrand of Hopkinton, New Hampshire; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Shelley and Ken Meyer of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren and spouses, Lori and Bob Benincasa, Holly Orwig, Emily Grigsby, Dan and Stacey Lockhart, Stacy Lockhart, Alex Essig, Ashley Essig,

Trevor and Toni Gerring, Kristin and Josh Creager, Faith Meyer, April Meyer, Adam and Tiffany Meyer, and Sarah and Anthony Scheurich; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, a son, Terry Lockhart who passed away May 17, 2011, two grandsons, Jason Lockhart and Benjamin Lockhart, and two sisters, Marjorie Forrest and Barbara Peters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Cedar Lake Church of Christ, 1492 C.R. 27 Waterloo, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday prior to the service. Officiating will be Steve Evans. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will also be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Freda Koch

FORT WAYNE — Freda Faye Koch, 52, Fort Wayne, passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at Hospice Home.

Surviving are two daughters, Heather (Mohammed) Kanaanahmed (Roark) and Michele Patton; a son, Anthony Koch; grandchildren, Nicole, Shay, Zach, Alexia, Kole and Savannah; and sisters

Brenda Jenkins, Glenda Miller and Kathy Patton.

She was preceded in death by her parents,



Ms. Koch

Fredie and Bertha Howell, nephews Jack Jenkins and Jason Blevins and companion Sonny McClure.

Services will be Monday from 1-2 p.m. followed by visitation from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Midwest Funeral Home and Creination Society 4602 Newaygo Road, Fort Wayne.

Donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to the family and the American Cancer Society.

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Karen Tonne

GREENCASTLE — Karen Lee Tonne, 58, of Greencastle and formerly of Steuben County, died Sunday, May 15, 2011, in Greencastle from a brain tumor.

She graduated from Richmond High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Ball State University.

She received her Master of Science in Education from Indiana University.

Karen taught for 16 years in Indiana and Michigan schools, and well as for the Department of Defense School in Darmstadt, Germany. At Darmstadt, she was instrumental in establishing computer classes in DOD schools in Germany. She was a beloved teacher to hundreds of students both here in the United States and in Germany.

She loved exploring other countries, dancing, telling jokes, taking long drives and playing the piano. She excelled at communicating with people from every country and walk of life.

She retired from teaching after 16 years to open Our Daily Bread Bakery in Angola which she owned and operated with her husband and children from 1994-2004.



Mrs. Tonne

Karen was diagnosed with and underwent treatment for a nonmalignant brain tumor in 1998, which forced her in to early retirement. When Karen's doctor told her in 1998 that she would have a maximum of two years to live even with several forms of aggressive treatment, Karen's response was, "He doesn't know as much as he thinks he does!" And she proved herself right. Though disabled from the tumor, she enjoyed playing the piano, crafting, growing her large collection of collectible bees and spending time with her beloved dog Max.

In 2010, she eagerly awaited the birth of her first grandchild and was thrilled with the birth of baby Benjamin on Aug. 30, 2010.

In November 2010, Karen was diagnosed with a second brain tumor, which surgery showed to be malignant.

She was married Jan. 10, 1976, in West Lafayette to Keith Tonne. He survives in Greencastle.

Also surviving are her parents, Dr. Kenneth and Patricia Koger of Pretty Lake; her daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Seraphim Danckaert of Princeton, N.J.; her son, John Tonne of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Benjamin Danckaert; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Teresa Koger of Lafayette, Kenneth and Diana Koger of Lafayette and David and Melinda Koger of Mishawaka; and her sister, Lynn Pynaert of Garrett.

A memorial service for Karen will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ind., with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. A luncheon will follow.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Ronald Ungerer

AVILLA — Ronald G. Ungerer, 62, of Avilla died Friday, May 20, 2011, at 10:23 p.m. in his residence.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

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Edna Lundy

KENDALLVILLE — Edna E. "Eddie" Lundy, 94, of Kendallville passed away Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 8:45 a.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville where she had resided since February, 1980.

Mrs. Lundy was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of Kendallville High School. She worked as a bookkeeper for Midwestern Magnesium, Kendallville Foundry, and retired from Flint & Walling.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was born Jan. 7, 1917, in Kendallville to Howard B. and Ella E. (Sager) Jennings. On

Oct. 23, 1937, in Kendallville she married Mason C. "Bob" Lundy. He

preceded her in death on March 28, 1979.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law; Barbara Jacobs of Kendallville, Florence Smart of Sebring, Florida, Patricia Jacob of Albion and Pamela and Richard Howell of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Raymond (Connie) Gulick, Jr. of Kendallville, Robert (Donna) Gulick of Avilla, Jerry Longbrake of Sebring, Fla., Christine (Dennis) Fleck of Kendallville, Melissa King of Albion, Trent Howell of Kendallville, Tyler Howell of Kendallville, Sherry (Joe) Hawkins of Florida, Ryan King of Wolcottville, Randy King, Rachel Myers of Albion, and Janet (Scott) Rashley of Delta, Ohio; 20 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Lundy

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Willard "Jess" Jennings, and two granddaughters, Cynthia King and Jenny Longbrake Acre.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Immanuel Lutheran Church, 113 West Albion Street, Avilla, with Rev. Thomas Dunbar and Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling is Monday from 3-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the Shepherd Shop at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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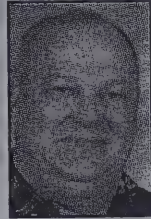
**LaOtto businessman
Ungerer dies**

AVILLA — LaOtto businessman and Avilla resident Ronald G. Ungerer died unexpectedly Friday. He was 62.

Ungerer was the president of R&D Wire, which he started in June 1990 in LaOtto. The business with a downtown

LaOtto location had expanded at least twice in recent years as it took on contract work for the federal government.

A complete obituary for Ungerer appears on Page A4.



Ungerer

Ronald Ungerer

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Mr. Ungerer

Ron enjoyed gardening, camping, and was an avid NASCAR fan, but he most

enjoyed spending time with family and his grandchildren.

He was born Feb. 4, 1949, in Fort Wayne, to Raymond and Violet (Kiser) Ungerer. On February 12, 1972, in Bryan, Ohio, he married Karen L. Parson.

Surviving are his wife, Karen L. Ungerer of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Adam Young of Millersburg and Jaime and John Hamman of Hudson; six grandchildren, Leanne Young, Carl Young, Sarah Young, Mariah Hamman, Derek Hamman, and Andrew Hamman; his father, Raymond Ungerer of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Steve and Carey Ungerer of Churubusco and Ed and Judy Ungerer of Auburn; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leo and Joan Herman of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Cathy and Ron Fovargue of Edmond, Oklahoma and Nancy and Brent Davis of New Hudson, Michigan; a brother-in-law, Richard and Lisa Parson of Bay City, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Violet Ungerer, on July 1, 2010, and a daughter, Brenda Ungerer.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Active pallbearers will be Brent Davis, Ron Fovargue, Richard Parson, Adam Young, John Hamman, and Steve Prezbindowski.

Calling is Wednesday, May 25, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

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View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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She was also preceded in death by a brother, Willard "Jess" Jennings, and two granddaughters, Cynthia King and Jennie Longbrake Akers.

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Pallbearers will be Raymond Gulick, Jr., Robert Gulick, Trent Howell, Tyler, Howell, Jason Gulick, Chad Gulick, and Mike Gulick.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the Shepherd Shop at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Rebecca Obendorf

GARRETT — Rebecca E. "Becky" Obendorf, 88, of Garrett, died on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

She was born Oct. 12, 1922, in Garrett to Christopher and Sylvia (Schlotterback) Marti.

She was married to Guy Obendorf and died in 1964. Becky was a machinist at Electric Motors and Specialties for 42 years, retiring in 1993.

She also was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Becky is survived by a daughter, Renee Cuff of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters, Kelly Wickerham of Fort Wayne and Kim Wickerham of St. Joe.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers; Jacob, William, Harold, Alfred, Ottis and Arthur and three sisters; Clarabelle, Mary and Ardith.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. David Mix will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Health Care.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Roger Inlow

WATERLOO — Roger D. Inlow, 78, of Waterloo, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at St. Joe Hospital in Fort Wayne surrounded by his family.

He was born May 31, 1932, in DeKalb County to Oren E. and Emma J. Inlow.



Mr. Inlow

He worked in the maintenance department

for 37 years at Dana Corporation in Auburn, retiring in 1996. He also worked at International Harvester and the U.S. Postal Service.

He bowled in the Auburn Bowling Leagues and enjoyed having coffee at Richards Restaurant.

Roger married Joan Klink on August 9, 1970, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by three sons and six daughters, Terry (Deb) Inlow of Albion, Rick Inlow of Ashley, Chris White of California, Christy Davis of Fort Wayne, Pam (Tom) Tharp of Idaho, Cheryl (Jim) Gilbert of Corunna, Teresa McMaken of Butler, Sandy (Paul) Price of Florida, and April (Theresa Onderko) White of Manchester; 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister, Loren Inlow of Fort Wayne, Paul Inlow of Hicksville and Becky Grobis of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, Ryan Gilbert, five brothers and five sisters.

Gary Stackhouse

ASHLEY — Gary L. Stackhouse, 58, of Ashley died Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday with calling from 10-11 a.m. before the service at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Ashley Baseball and Softball Association.

A full obituary will appear in the Tuesday edition of this newspaper.

Helen Whaley

COLUMBIA CITY — Helen M. Whaley, 100, died on Friday, May 20, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.

There will be no visitation or service. Burial will be at a later date at Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

There will be no services conducted.

The family invites anyone to share a cup of coffee on "Roger" at Richards Restaurant in Auburn between 2 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

They also ask that any memorials be given in Roger's name to the Northeast Indiana Burn Council, attention Sheryl Mourey, Fort Wayne Burn Unit, 800 Broadway, Suite 315, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Maysa Guinn

AUBURN — Maysa Jean Guinn, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Guinn worked as an abstractor for the

Auburn Abstract & Title Co. in Auburn.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.



Mrs. Guinn

Auburn.

She was born on June 5, 1924, in Beulah, Mich., to Evan and Nida (Creamer) Link.

She married Roy Allen Guinn on August 17, 1946, in Auburn, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven A. Guinn of Hudson, and Daniel E. and Sally Guinn of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and their spouses, Kimberly and Beau Krebs of Angola, Heather and Cole Krebs of Auburn, Timothy Guinn of Hudson, Samantha Guinn of Fort Wayne, and Charles "Charlie" Guinn of Fort Wayne; six great-grandchildren, Caitlin Krebs, Jay Krebs, Trenten Krebs, Jett Krebs, Maysa Krebs, and Kollin Krebs; and a sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Ralph Carper of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and four brothers, Arnold Link, Curtis Link, Herschel "Dutch" Link and Milo Link.

Ialeene Theisen

EDGERTON, Ohio — E. Ialeene Theisen, 99, a former longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 9:40 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, where she was a resident.

She was employed for many years at the Spangler Candy Company in Bryan, Ohio, retiring in 1978.

She also attended the Edgerton United Methodist Church.

She was born on May 28, 1911, in Butler to Foster and Elsie J.

(Campbell) Teutsch.

She married Paul J. Theisen on June 13, 1943, in Butler and he preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1988.

Mrs. Theisen is survived by one nephew, Anthony Teutsch, of Sugarland, Texas.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Teutsch and Allan Teutsch.

Private interment took place in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton. A graveside service will take place on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Gerald Hamman

ORLAND — Gerald Eugene "Gene" Hamman, 82, of Orland, Ind., died Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville, Ind.

Mr. Hamman retired in 1991 as a



Mr. Hamman

press supervisor at Moore Business Forms in Angola.

He was a graduate of Hamilton High School and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Hamman was a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423 where he was a past post commander and a member of the Commanders Club. He was also an active officer and member of Lions International and a former member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was a genuine steward of nature.

Mr. Hamman enjoyed fishing and was always available to lend a hand.

He was born May 13, 1928, in Steuben County to Otis Charles and Bernice Catherine (Ziegler) Hamman. He married Bettie Pearl McCrea on Nov. 20, 1951, in Angola. She preceded him in death Aug. 22, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Katherine Bender of Indianapolis and Barbara Ann Hamman of Nashville, Tenn.; a son, Steven Eugene Hamman of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four brothers, Denver C. Hamman, Robert D. Hamman, Homer Lee Hamman and Jerry D. Hamman.

Laroy Grooms

GOSHEN — Laroy "Bud" Grooms, 75, died Sunday evening, May 22, 2011 at his Goshen home.

He was born Sept. 18, 1935, in Ligonier to the late Merril and Sally (Jones) Grooms.



Mr. Grooms

On Oct. 6, 1956, he married Barbara Culp in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John (Donna) Grooms of Rochester, and Glenn Grooms of Goshen; grandsons, Ryan, Shawn and Tyler Grooms; sisters, Carole (Ben) Russo of Elkhart, Mary (Bob) Culp of Goshen, Janet (Aaron) Prather of Osceola, and Pat (John) Cannon of Auburn.

A graduate of Ligonier High School in 1953, he worked at Penn Controls for 15 years and retired from Monaco in 2002.

He attended Grace Community Church and was a past member of Goshen City Church of the Brethren where he served as usher and deacon.

He was also a member of the Two Cylinder Club. He was an avid NASCAR fan and loved his cats.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, and an hour prior to the service at the church.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Grace Community Church. Pastor Jeremiah Olson will officiate.

His body will be cremated following the service and a private family graveside service will be held at Violet Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Kidney Foundation or Grace Community Church.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Elizabeth Messina, and his parents.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday at the Orland American Legion Post 423 in Orland, Ind., with Chaplain Mike Collins officiating.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire and Rescue.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Gary Stackhouse

ASHLEY — Gary L. Stackhouse, 58, of Ashley died Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stackhouse worked for the Newnam Foundry in Kendallville and then for the Auburn Foundry in Auburn, retiring in 1999.

He was born June 19, 1952, in Kendallville, to Dallas B. and June (Hamlin) Stackhouse. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Kendallville.

He married Tina M. (Fraley) Vian on March 4, 2004, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law. Gus Stackhouse of Auburn, Jake Stackhouse of Weehawken, N. J., Corey Vian of Lafayette, and Jordan and Brandy Stackhouse of Corunna; a daughter, Megan Vian of Ashley; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale L. Stackhouse of Wolcottville, Kevin D. and Barb Stackhouse of Mesa, Ariz., and Bruce E. and Kriss Stackhouse of Corunna.

He is preceded in death by his father and a brother, Bryon K. Stackhouse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday with calling from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Vance Hamlin officiating.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Ashley Baseball and Softball Association, 2357 C.R. 4, Ashley, IN 46705.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Judith Brown

FORT WAYNE — Judith A. Brown, 67, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials to the Merriam Christian Chapel Choir Fund, 3985 S. U. S. 33, Albion, IN 46701.

Thomas Armstrong

HAMILTON — Thomas S. "Tom" Armstrong, 74, of Hamilton died Monday, May 23, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

A full obituary will appear in the Wednesday edition.

James Atteberry

COLUMBIA CITY — James E. Atteberry, 63, of Kendallville, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at home.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Marion Veterans Cemetery, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion.

Visitation is noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Vern Smith Jr.

TIFFIN, Ohio — Vern Smith Jr., 68, of Tiffin died at 3:37 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Smith retired from Quick Tab II in Tiffin.

He was a 1961

graduate of Angola High School and a United States Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Tiffin Moose, Tiffin Eagles, the New Riegel American Legion and the Green Springs VFW.

He was born Jan. 14, 1943, in Akron, to Ezra Vern and Evelyn Adeline (Denorest) Smith. He married Dianne Marie Bour in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Jan. 15, 2001, and she survives in Tiffin.

Also surviving are his children, Vern Smith III of Angola, Ind., Jacque (Scott) Cole of Ossian, Ind., Kathleen (Brent) Caccamo of Elizabethtown, Ky., Roxann Rowland of Bellevue and Dale Marie (Patrick) Hager of Bellevue; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Susan Ann Gall of Angola, Ind.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Engle-Shook Funeral Home and Crematory in Tiffin. There will be no visitation or burial held at this time.

A memorial service in Angola will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.engleshookfuneralhome.com.



Mr. Smith

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Mary McQuade

ANGOLA — Mary Jane McQuade, 69, of Angola died Monday, May 23, 2011 at her residence.

She loved to go fishing, gardening, doing arts and crafts and spending time with her family.

She retired from Walmart in Angola working in retail sales. She also worked at Sturgis Molded Products.

Mary spent the last 35 years in LaGrange and Steuben counties.

She was born December 21, 1941, to Samuel and Bessie Marie (Hutchason) Rheinheimer.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Deborah and Daniel Van Gordon of Fremont, Kimberly and Tracey Rose of Angola, and Sheila Word of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bradley and Donna James of Newbern, Tenn., and Christian and Jerry James of Howe; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Charles R. and Linda Rheinheimer of New Castle, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, W. Michigan St.; LaGrange, with Pastor Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will take place in Forest Grove Cemetery, Middlebury, Ind.

Visitation will take place from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be contributed to the donor's choice.



**Mrs.
McQuade**

Kenneth Nodine

GARRETT — Kenneth Nodine, 62, of Garrett died at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at his home.

He was born Oct. 9, 1948, in Garrett.

Kenneth is survived by his four sons: Troy (Stephanie) Nodine of St. Mary's, Ohio, William (Lisa) Nodine of Garrett, Travis (Rhonda) Nodine of Garrett, and Jeremy Nodine of Fort Wayne; his three brothers, Robert Nodine, Eugene Nodine and Richard Nodine; and three sisters, Carolyn Zeider, Janet Bowers and Sandy Richmond.

He is also survived by five grandchildren: Kristine



Mr. Nodine

Nodine of Garrett; Taylor Nodine of Garrett; Karensa Nodine of Churubusco; Shayna Nodine of Auburn; and Zane Nodine of Garrett.

Also surviving are several people very special to Kenneth, Alan (Eleisha) Goble, Dexter Sexton, Sam (Lisa) Hicks, David (Sue) Daniels, and Kenny and MaryJane Clemons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lafayette and Mildred (Streb) Nodine; two sisters, Barbara Isham and Kathleen Kurtz; and his best friend, David Pippenger.

Kenneth worked at the former Northern Indiana Fuel & Light and at B & O Railroad and Strawberry's Place in Garrett.

He was a proud member of the Garrett Eagles and enjoyed hunting, shoveling snow and being around his closest friends.

No services are scheduled, but a memorial will be held May 27 at 3 p.m. at the home of Eleisha Morris, 0159 C.R. 60 in LaOtto.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Rachel Grogg

WATERLOO — Rachel L. Grogg, 91 died Monday May 23, 2011 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born May 31, 1919, in Waterloo to Walter C. and Eva (Souder) Smith.

She was a homemaker and worked beside her husband on their family farm.

She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ where she taught Sunday school and worked with different women's groups. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club.

Rachel married Paul D. Grogg on May 10, 1941, in Waterloo and he passed away October 6, 1989.

She is survived by a daughter and two sons, Cathy S. (Robert) Walker of Waterloo, Bruce D. (Lorie) Grogg of Phoenix, Ariz., and John P. (Kathy) Grogg of Waterloo; a daughter-in-law, Terri Grogg of Auburn; a sister, Lusina McNall of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, Lori (Mark) Shaneyfelt, Danielle (Todd) Sullivan, Joy (Jeremy) Hammer, Adam Walker, Ben (Jill) Grogg, Jon (Reasa) Grogg, Alison (Tony) Forsythe, Melissa (Brooks Sexton) Grogg, Shelley Grogg; and 11 great-

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Michael W. Grogg; and a brother, Leonard Smith.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Team Expansion (her grandson's mission organization).

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Beth Reiske

KENDALLVILLE —

Beth Romaine Reiske, 88, of Kendallville died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the organ and music fund at Faith United Methodist Church.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

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Thomas Armstrong

HAMILTON — Thomas S. "Tom" Armstrong, 74, of Hamilton died Monday, May 23, 2011, after a 12-year courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 25, 1936, in Mishawaka, to Martin J. and Adah E.

(Riddle) Armstrong.

He attended Indiana University in South Bend before serving in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959. He married Kaye L. Jamieson on Aug. 27, 1960, in Mishawaka at the First Methodist Church.

Tom and Kaye moved to Butler in 1961, where he owned and operated Armstrong Floral for 47 years until retirement in 2008. He was an active member in the community serving as a member of the Butler Rotary Club for over 50 years (Paul Harris Fellow), as a founding member of the Eastside Community Foundation, as a Butler City Councilman for 10 years, as a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, as a member of Post 202 American Legion and as a former member of the Butler Masonic Lodge.

Tom believed strongly in the promotion of international understanding and served in several capacities in support of the Rotary Youth Exchange program for over 34 years. During his 1977 presidency of the Butler Rotary Club, they chose to become involved in the youth exchange program.



Mr. Armstrong

He has been a host father to many, club youth exchange officer, district chairman, and this year completes his 20th as European correspondent for the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Tom enjoyed traveling, visiting six continents and many countries, but he also loved being at home, at the cottage or in a boat.

Tom is survived by his wife, Kaye, who lives in Hamilton; two daughters, Jana Armstrong and husband Emmanuel Flamand living in Sweden, and Dyan Armstrong and husband Bruce Grimm of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Enrik Armstrong Flamand. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and exchange students living around the world.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gerald Armstrong, and Bud Armstrong; and three sisters, Alice Bergman, Edith Armstrong, and Joan Chancellor.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Mike Halferty officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. Friday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Eastside Community Foundation, Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Fund, or the Steuben County Cancer Association.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

**LaGrange County
investigating boat
accident death**

HOWE — Indiana Conservation Officer Erick Bolt is investigating a boat accident that occurred Tuesday at approximately 2:50 p.m. on Cedar Lake.

Kenneth A. Anderson, 61, of St. John, was paddling a 10 foot-kayak on Cedar Lake when he apparently capsized. A witness stated that he called for help after he had capsized. Anderson only had a boat cushion in the kayak. Anderson slipped below the surface of the water before rescuers arrived. Anderson was pulled from the water by fire rescue and was transported by ambulance to Parkview LaGrange Hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday to determine the cause of death.

LaGrange County EMS, fire rescue and the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department assisted.

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Grethel Hall

GOSHEN — Grethel M. "Mae" Hall, 89, of Goshen, passed away at midnight on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen.

She was born September 3, 1921, in Pulaski County, Ind., to Thomas Allen and Cuba Grethel (Bowman) Smith. She later married Edward August Hall.

Survivors include two daughters, Edna Mae Fields of New Paris and Carolyn Sue Spickard of Waubun, Minn.; son, James T. (Joanne) Hall of Griffith, Ind.; two brothers, Thomas A. (Catherine) Smith of Gary, Ind., and Gerald A. Smith of Lakeville, Ind.; a sister, Nancy L. Cox of Roselawn, Ind.; five grandchildren, Michael Fout, Brian Fout, Randy Fields, Mark Fields and Andrew Spickard; several great-grandchildren; and her best friend, Jeanne Laich of Griffith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward August Hall; two brothers, David Smith and Robert Smith; a sister, Margaret L. Reeves; a son, Edward L. Hall; and a grandson, Scott Fields.

She was the owner and manager of M & E Drive-In located in Griffith for 11 years. It was known for the "Best Tacos In The World."

Mae loved spending time working crossword puzzles, croqueting, knitting, gardening and camping. She will always be remembered for always doing for others without asking for anything in return.

Gerald Brown

ANGOLA — Gerald Carlton Brown, 91, of Angola died Monday, May 23, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Brown had retired as a design engineer from Angola Wire Products.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church in Angola.

He was born February 11, 1920, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, Ind., to Robert James and Ethel M. (Velie) Brown. They preceded him in death. He married Darlene Dean on May 30, 1959. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are four daughters, Carol Anne (Asa Clifford) Harvey, Kokomo, Ind., Barbara Jane (John) Tatman, Whiteland, Ind., Cynthia Jo (Terry) Butz, Pleasant Lake, Ind., and Carol Ann (Wayne) Klink, Ashley, Ind.; a brother, Darrell (Donna) Brown, Tekonsha, Mich.; a sister, Marjorie Roush, Angola, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Elizabeth (Joseph) Hlebasko, Deborah (Curtis) Copeland, Matthew (Holly) Harvey, Stephanie (Joel) Houseman, Karissa Tatman, Zachary (Sandra) Butz, Abby Butz (Ryan Smith), Kriss (Bruce) Stackhouse and Kimberly (Mike) Smith; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Donald Brown, and a granddaughter, Kendra Jo Tatman.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Stephen "Sam" Hoffman officiating.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County, Ind.

Visitation will be from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Olde York Church, 8740 E. 300 N., Fremont, IN 46737.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2011, at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Schererville, Ind. Chaplain Bob Puhr will officiate.

Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harbor Lights Hospice, 4330 Miami St., South Bend, IN 46614.

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Beth Reiske

KENDALLVILLE — Beth Romaine Reiske, 88, of Kendallville completed her journey in life May 23, 2011, at 1:30 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.



Mrs. Reiske

Mrs. Reiske graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Nebraska.

Along with her husband, she was co-owner and operator of the Western Auto store in Kendallville for 28 years.

Beth was a social person and a pillar of the community. She was voted the "Valentine Queen" at the Chandler House for 2011. She sang in the choir at Trinity Church United Methodist and Faith United Methodist Church. She also served as organist at Trinity Church United Methodist Church.

She was currently a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

She was born March 23, 1923, in Columbus, Nebraska, to James P. and Edna R. (Wright) Ross. On June 15, 1943, in Lincoln, Nebraska, she married William S. Reiske. He preceded her in death January 12, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Dianne and Ronald Henschen of Kendallville and Sue Abbs of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James William and Doreen Reiske of Carefree, Arizona; seven grandchildren, Kimberly Henschen, KrisTena (Matthew) Cartwright, Ronald "Butch" (Correen) Henschen, Troy (Julie) Abbs, Trevor (Melissa Machaj-Abbs) Abbs, Kristen Reiske, and William Reiske; and nine great-grandchildren, Kourtney Cartwright, MacKenzie Cartwright, Caleb Henschen, Shelby Henshen, Alexander Henschen, Caiden Abbs, Lillian Sue Abbs, Josephina Abbs and Chloe Abbs.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Loree Klingman; a son-in-law, Scott B. Abbs, husband of her daughter, Sue.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 6 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the organ and music fund at Faith United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Loughner

LIGONIER — Phyllis Loughner, 87, of Ligonier, died Thursday, May 19, 2011, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Burial was in Marion National Cemetery in Marion. Memorial contributions are to the charity of the donor's choice. Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Aletha Parker

ANGOLA — Aletha J. Parker, 93, of Angola died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Parker was a homemaker.

She was a lifetime Methodist.

She was born May 31, 1917, in Union City, Pa., to Homer G. and Hazel Della (Rouse) Andrews. She married Eli F. Parker on Dec. 5, 1939. He died April 15, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Cora Anne Kee of Angola; a son, Norman E. Parker of Fort Wayne and Fort Myers.

Fla.; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Phyllis Page.

Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County and the Steuben County Humane Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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William Berghoff

FORT WAYNE — William G. Berghoff, 70, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, in Arizona.



Mr. Berghoff

Through the years, he was involved in the ownership of Wayne Home Equipment, Diversitec

Inc., Price Williams and was a real estate investor.

Mr. Berghoff was on the board of directors at the University of Saint Francis, Pathways Inc. (Runaway Teens), ARC and St. Anne's Nursing Home.

A native of Fort Wayne, he attended Marmion Military Academy and received a master's degree from Xavier University.

He was also a 4th degree Knight of Columbus.

Surviving are his sons, William F. (Barbara) Berghoff and Daniel Martin Berghoff, both of Fort Wayne, Michael G. Berghoff of Las Vegas, Nev., John Edward (Gina) Berghoff of Fredericksburg, Va. and Andrew Joseph (Jason Adams) Berghoff of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Martha A. Ryan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norbert G. (Viola S.) Berghoff; his mother, Elizabeth Noll Berghoff; his former wife, Juanita C. Stanford; and a sister, June E. Miller.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 S. Fairfield Ave., with Father Cyril Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Ladonna Schiffli

WATERLOO — Ladonna M. Schiffli, 68, of Waterloo died Monday, May 23, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Defiance, Ohio, on May 29, 1942, to Charles and Rachel (Taylor) Morgan.

She was a homemaker and a stay at home mom raising five children.

She was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Ladonna married Robert Schiffli on July 7, 1962, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and he survives.

She is also survived by five children, Michael J. Schiffli of Cartersville, Ga., Laura M. (Brian) Hendrick of Roanoke, Nicholas D. (Theresa) Schiffli of LaGrange, Matthew J. (Bethany) Schiffli of Fort Wayne, and Joseph A. Schiffli of Waterloo; and eight grandchildren, Rebecca A. (Jerod) Counts,

Jonathon J. Burnett, Luke D. Schiffli, Katherine A. Schiffli, Jacob A. Schiffli, Cole T. Schiffli, Brady R. Schiffli and Emma R. Schiffli.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and two sisters.

A funeral Mass will be held Saturday, May 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. in St. Michaels Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, Ind., with Father David Carkenord officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. A Rosary will be recited at 10:40 a.m., followed by the funeral Mass at 11 a.m.

The family asks that no flowers be sent and any memorials given in Ladonna's name be given to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Deborah Moore

COLUMBIA CITY —

Deborah Jo (Larson) Moore, 59, of Columbia City and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Services are private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to

WhitleyForward c/o Whitley County Community Foundation, 400 N. Whitley St., Columbia City, IN 46725 or the final expense account c/o DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with a rosary at 7 p.m. and one hour Friday prior to the service.

Memorials are to Pathways or ARC.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Judith A. Brown, 67

Judith A. Brown, 67, a resident of Fort Wayne and formerly of rural Churubusco, passed away at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Although she had been admitted to the hospital on Friday, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Brown was born in Springfield, Ohio on October 18, 1943, a daughter of Richard and Betty (Boughier) Staley. She spent her formative years there, and graduated from Springfield South High School in 1961.

On May 12, 1962 she was married in Springfield to Norman K. Brown. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Springfield, and moved to Fort Wayne in 1972.

A year later they moved to their home near Churubusco where they lived until returning to Fort Wayne in 2004.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, sang in the church choir, and participated in its Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study. In her leisure time she enjoyed flowers, reading, crocheting, and had a special love for music.

Most importantly, she dearly loved her husband, children, and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The surviving relatives include her husband Norman; three daughters Laura Brown of Bryan, Ohio, Darlene (Jeff) Brady of Fort Wayne, and Cheryl (Curtis) Ayers of Verdigris, Oklahoma; a brother Richard (Connie) Staley of Xenia, Ohio; a niece Mindy Creech of Xenia, Ohio; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at the Merriam Christian Chapel, with Pastors Terry L. Zolman and Steve Pulley, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Choir Fund, 3985 South U. S. 33, Albion, Indiana 46701.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Brown's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net



ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 25, 2011, Wednesday

Edna E. Lundy, 94

Edna E. "Eddie" Lundy, 94, of Kendallville passed away Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 8:45 a.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville where she had resided since February, 2000.

Mrs. Lundy was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of Kendallville High School. She worked as a bookkeeper for Midwestern Magnesium, Kendallville Foundry, and retired from Flint & Walling.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was born January 7, 1917, in Kendallville to Howard B. and Ella E. (Sager) Jennings. On October 23, 1937, in Kendallville she married Mason C. "Bob" Lundy. He preceded her in death on March 28, 1979.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Jacobs of Kendallville, Florence Smart of Sebring, Florida, Patricia Jacob of Albion, and Pamela and Richard Howell of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren, Raymond (Connie) Gulick, Jr. of Kendallville, Robert (Donna) Gulick of Avilla, Jerry Longbrake of Sebring, Florida, Christine (Dennis) Fleck of Kendallville, Melissa King of Albion, Trent Howell of Kendallville, Tyler Howell of Kendallville, Cherie (Joe) Hawkins of Florida, Ryan King of Wolcottville, Randy King, Rachel Myers of Albion, Janet (Scott) Rashley of Delta, Ohio, and Annie Adams of Kendallville; 20 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

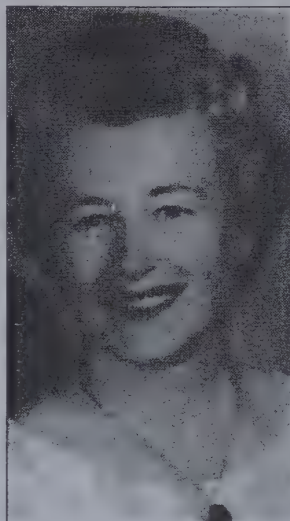
She was also preceded in death by a brother, Willard "Jess" Jennings; and two granddaughters, Cynthia King and Jennie Longbrake Akers.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Rev. Thomas Dunbar and Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Pallbearers were Raymond Gulick, Jr., Robert Gulick, Trent Howell, Tyler, Howell, Jason Gulick, Chad Gulick, and Mike Gulick.

Preferred memorials are to the Shepherd Shop at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.young-familyfuneralhome.com.



Beth Romaine Reiske, 88

Beth Romaine Reiske, 88, of Kendallville, has completed her journey in life May 23, 2011, at 1:30 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Reiske graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. She received a bachelor of science degree in Home Economics from the University of Nebraska.

Along with her husband, she was co-owner and operator of the Western Auto store in Kendallville for 28 years.

Beth was a social person and a pillar of the community. She was voted the "Valentine Queen" at the Chandler House for 2011. She sang in the choir at Trinity Church United Methodist and Faith United Methodist Church. She also served as organist at Trinity Church United Methodist Church.

She was currently a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

She was born March 23, 1923, in Columbus, Nebraska, to James P. and Edna R. (Wright) Ross. On June 15, 1943, in Lincoln, Nebraska, she married William S. Reiske. He preceded her in death January 12, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Diane and Ronald Henschen of Kendallville and Sue Abbs of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James William and Doreen Reiske of Carefree, Arizona; seven grandchildren, Kimberly Henschen, KrisTena (Matthew) Cartwright, Ronald "Butch" (Correen) Henschen, Troy (Julie) Abbs, Trevor (Melissa Machaj-Abbs) Abbs, Kristen Reiske, and William Reiske; and nine great grandchildren, Kourtney Cartwright, MacKenzie Cartwright, Caleb Henschen, Shelby Henschen, Alexander Henschen, Caiden Abbs, Lillian Sue Abbs, Josephina Abbs and Chloe Abbs.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Loree Klingman and a son-in-law, Scott B. Abbs, husband of daughter, Sue.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 6 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the organ and music fund at Faith United Methodist Church. View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com



ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 25, 2011, Wednesday

Nelson W. Keister, 89



Nelson W. Keister, age 89, of Columbia City (Tri-Lakes), Ind., died on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the home of his son. He was born on November 25, 1921 in Merriam, Ind. to the late Albert and Gertrude (Addis) Keister.

He graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the Class of 1939. He served in the US Army during World War II where he was stationed in Guam and the Philippines. On May 12, 1943 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kring in Albion, Ind. For 36 years he was employed by Dana Weatherhead as a machine operator, retiring in 1983. He was affiliated with Big Lake Church of God. While his formative years he lived in Merriam and Noble County, he moved to Whitley County after his marriage and since 1971 has resided at Tri-Lakes.

Survivors include his sons, Barry J. (Sandra) Keister and Gary L. (Penny) Keister both of Columbia City; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and one step-great-great-granddaughter; and his beloved Schnauzer, Izzie. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elizabeth Keister on February 3, 2006; brothers, Dean and Robert Keister; sisters, Bernice Reed and Ruby Keister; and great-grandson, Ryan J. Barker.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at De-Money-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, IN with Chaplain Robin La Rue of Heartland Home Health and Hospice officiating. Burial followed at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, IN with graveside military honors conducted by the Whitley County Korean War Veterans. In memory of Mr. Keister, memorials may be made to the Whitley County Humane Society or Heartland Hospice.

To sign the guest register or send the family a condolence, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 25, 2011, Wednesday

Ronald G. Ungerer, 62

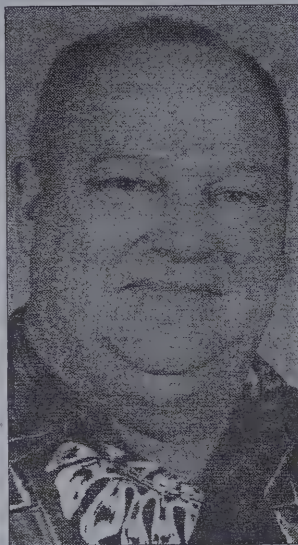
Ronald G. Ungerer, 62, of Avilla died unexpectedly Friday, May 20, 2011, at 10:23 p.m. in his residence.

He was President of R&D Wire which started in June, 1990, in LaOtto.

Ron enjoyed gardening, camping, and was an avid NASCAR fan, but he most enjoyed spending time with family and his grandchildren.

He was born February 4, 1949, in Fort Wayne, to Raymond and Violet (Kiser) Ungerer. On February 12, 1972, in Bryan, Ohio, he married Karen L. Parson.

Surviving are his wife, Karen L. Ungerer of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Adam Young of Millersburg and Jaime and John Hamman of Hudson; six grandchildren, Leanne Young, Carl Young, Sarah Young,



Mariah Hamman, Derek Hamman, and Andrew Hamman; his father, Raymond Ungerer of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Steve and Carey Ungerer of Churubusco and Ed and Judy Ungerer of Auburn; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leo and Joan Herman of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Cathy and Ron Fovargue of Edmond, Oklahoma and Nancy and Brent Davis of New Hudson, Michigan; a brother-in-law, Richard and Lisa Parson of Bay City, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Violet Ungerer on July 1, 2010, and a daughter, Brenda Ungerer.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Active pallbearers will be Brent Davis, Ron Fovargue, Richard Parson, Adam Young, John Hamman, and Steve Prezbinowski.

Calling is Wednesday, May 25, 2011, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 25, 2011, Wednesday

Nancy S. Wallace, 80

Nancy S. Wallace, 80, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2011 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Born in Whitley County, IN, Nancy worked as a Teller with Indiana bank/ Summit Bank for 12 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member and a volunteer at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



"Nancy was a loving mother, grandmother and a friend to all. She will be greatly missed". Surviving are her daughter, Cheryl S. Burns of Albion, IN, grandchildren, Cari and Tom (Whitney) Burns; great grandchild, Eyan Burns. brother, Lynn Pendry of AK, sister, Shirley Hurley of FL. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Robert Wallace, daughter Patricia Wallace and her parents Russell and Treva Pendry.

A memorial service was held Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 South Anthony Blvd. Rev Jeff Geisler officiated.

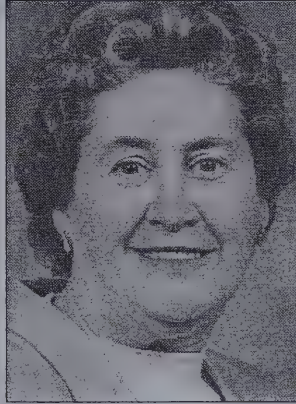
Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, IN. Memorials may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 25, 2011, Wednesday

Joyce Elaine Thomas, 79

Joyce Elaine Thomas, 79, of Albion, passed away Monday, May 23, 2011.

Born in Fort Wayne, Elaine was a graduate of Elmhurst High School in 1951 and retired from Navistar in 1986. She enjoyed reading, writing letters, and sending out cards. Elaine is survived by her son, William (Janet) Thomas of Albion, IN; grandchildren, Jennifer, Bradley (Rebekah), and Nathanael (Allison Hamman) Thomas; brother, Gerald "Bud" Johnson of



Fort Wayne; and sisters, Betty Freeman of Coldwater, MI and Lorelei "Susie" Pinkerton of Huntington, IN. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Paul Thomas; and sisters, Virgidell Sward, Beatrice Handley, and Mary Wolfe; brother Donald Johnson. Service is 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2011 at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave with Rev. Jim Johnson officiating.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN. Memorials may be made to the Noble County Council on Aging. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombbandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 26, 2011, Thursday

Dale Fee

LANSING, Mich. — Dale W. Fee, 82, of Lansing, Mich., died May 11, 2011.

He was born Aug. 11, 1928, in Garrett to John A. and Mabel (Houlton) Fee.



Mr. Fee

Mr. Fee served in the U.S. Army and later worked for Oldsmobile, from which he retired in 1993 after 30 years of service. He also worked as a U.A.W. worker's compensation representative.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge 1039, and U.A.W. 652.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Annie; a son, Jeffrey (Julie) Fee of Richmond, Va.; five daughters, Vicki (Mike) Monroe and Diane, Susan, Debbie and Lisa, all of Michigan; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert (Coleen) Fee of Waterloo; and three sisters, Maxine Schlagenhauer of Auburn, Margaret (Ralph) Ford of Auburn and Twyla Hutsell of Naples, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David; three brothers, John L. Fee, Keith Fee and William Fee; and a sister, Ida Mae Frain.

Memorial services took place May 17 at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Diamondale, Mich.

Phyllis Loughner

LIGONIER — Phyllis J. Loughner, age 87, of Ligonier passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier at 6:46 a.m.

She was born on August 3, 1923, to Edgar and Mildred (Babcock) Martin in Elkhart County.

She married John Beckner, he preceded her in death. On August 8, 1988 she married Jerry Loughner, he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Loughner was a lifetime area resident. She worked at Dari Point in Ligonier and other restaurants over the years.

She was also a member of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by a son, Steve Troup of Ward, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Stephanie, Craig and Bill; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Juanita Haines.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Rea Lynn Martin.

Phyllis was laid to rest in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Timothy Collins

PLEASANT LAKE — Timothy A. Collins, 52, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Collins was a U.S. Army veteran.

He attended Lake Missionary Church in Angola.

Mr. Collins was born June 19, 1958, in Allen County to Curtis A. and Linda (Lyons) Collins. His mother survives in Fort Wayne and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are a son, Timothy A. Collins Jr. of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Nina Collins of Fort Wayne, Misty R. Collins of Fort Wayne and Vanessa Trembicki of Knox, Ind.; two brothers, Curtis A. Collins Jr. of Bakersfield, Calif., and Mark Collins of Fort Wayne; a sister, Cara Collins of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; and his companion, Marlene Maxwell.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ted Collins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Lake Missionary Church, 9030 U.S. 20, Angola, with Pastor Mike Cain officiating.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Leo Memorial Park in Leo, with Pastor Monty Sheets officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior the the funeral service Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses in care of Marlene Maxwell, 9030 U.S. 20,

Weicht Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 26, 2011, Thursday

Jerry Cool

MUNCIE — Jerry Earl “Yog” Cool, 63, died Monday at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Avondale United Methodist Church, 1314 W. 10th St., Muncie, IN 47302. Burial will follow in Gardens of Memory with military rites being performed by the Delaware County Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials may be sent to Avondale United Methodist Church or to Action for Animals.

Parson Mortuary in Muncie is in charge of arrangements.

Vern Smith Jr.

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Vern Smith Jr. of Tiffin, Ohio, will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Commons Park Pavilion No. 1 in Angola.

Mr. Smith died Friday, May 20, 2011, in Tiffin.

Karen Wirick

COSPERVILLE — Karen Lynn Wirick, 69, died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at her home in Cosperville.

Visitation will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with an hour of calling before the funeral.

Pastor James Barnes will officiate the service.

Burial will be in the Cosperville Cemetery.

Orabelle Densel

FREMONT — Orabelle Densel, 79, of Clear Lake, Fremont, died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Raymond Weber

ALBION — Raymond C Weber, 61, of Lake Barbara in Albion died on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at home.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Merriam Christian Chapel with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Cremation will follow. Burial of ashes will take place privately at a later date at the Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation is Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Rex Patterson

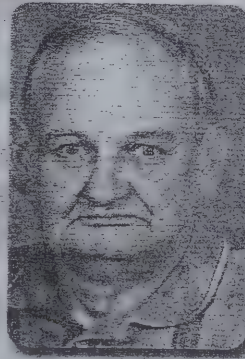
FORT WAYNE — Rex Lamar Patterson, 69, died Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2220 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne with visitation before the service from 9-11 a.m.

Burial is at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Thank You



*Perhaps you sent
a lovely card,
or sat quietly
in a chair.*

*Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
if so we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say;*

*Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much
whatever the part.*

From the family of Doug Emrick

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 27, 2011, Friday

Karen Wirick

WAWAKA — Karen Lynn Wirick, age 69, of Wawaka died on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at her home.



Mrs. Wirick

Mrs. Wirick was born in Kendallville on February 11, 1942, to the late Homer and Berniece (Woodruff) Moody.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1960.

She married Jack Wirick on June 9, 1962, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Karen was employed at Kraft Foods before becoming a full-time homemaker and mother. In the 1980s she returned to work at Seamco in Kendallville. Later she worked at Acadia Polymers, now Parker-Hannifin, in Ligonier. Karen retired in 2009 after 20 years of employment.

Karen enjoyed crafts of all types. She was particularly skilled with crochet work and was keen at solving both jigsaw and word puzzles. She enjoyed games of all types; playing Yahtzee with family and friends, computer and video games, and more recently Facebook games.

While she was quiet and reserved in most situations, Karen enjoyed rock 'n' roll music and dancing. She leaves behind a CD collection that attests to her passion for music. She enjoyed social gatherings where she could sit and watch people interact and have one-on-one conversations with others. She frequently attended Halloween parties at the home of her daughter and son-in-law where she enjoyed seeing the costumes on other guests.

Karen spent time watching movies at home, particularly Elvis Presley movies, B-movies, and horror films. She was a great fan of the "Dark Shadows" television series from the 1960s. She rarely missed the opportunity to watch the 1970s classic, "Jaws."

Despite her love of darker films, she also had a soft spot for all types of animals and in addition to keeping pets at home she spent time at zoos whenever she could. Zoos topped her list of travel destinations. In her later years, she took day trips to Chicago where she visited the Art Institute, the Field Museum of Natural History and Chinatown.

Above all, family remained important to Karen. Thanksgiving and Christmas were her favorite holidays. She always looked forward to a traditional meal with family and time together afterward. Karen was known for her skill at baking, making desserts and homemade candies. Her favorite family recipes were well-guarded secrets, and she enjoyed passing time reading cookouts and magazines to find new recipes.

Survivors include two sons, Kris Wirick of Kendallville and Jeff Wirick of Wawaka; a daughter, Mandy and Nik Havert of Nappanee; three sisters, Joann and Bill Kovets of LaOtto, Bette and Gus Campbell of LaOtto and Sharon Svoboda of Avilla; a brother, Mike and Louise Rodman of Kendallville; and the father of her children, Jack Wirick of Syracuse.

Visitation will be Friday, May 27, 2011, from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Jean Fox

KENDALLVILLE — Jean B. Fox, 88, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with one hour of visitation before the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor James Barnes.

Burial will be at Cosperville Cemetery in Wawaka.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview-Noble Hospice and Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Jeff Wirick, Nik Havert, Rocky Blaskie, Lynn Lash, Heath Smith and Brian Ernsberger.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Karen by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 27, 2011, Friday

Orabelle Densel

FREMONT — Orabelle Jane Densel, age 79, longtime resident of Clear Lake, Ind., died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.



Mrs. Densel

She was born on August 31, 1931, in River Rouge, Mich., to Harry John Balmes and Ada May (Kelsey). She lived in Hillsdale County, Mich., Convoy, Ohio, and Clear Lake, Ind.

She was a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, the American Legion of Fremont, Ind., was a charter member of UAW 1344, The Daughters of the American Revolution, and Descendants of Valley Forge.

She volunteered at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and for the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Densel was also a charter member of the Van Wert Ohio Civic Theater, the Van Wert Wasenburg Art Club and the Japomica Garden Club. She retired from the Aro Corp. in Angola, Ind., after 30 years.

She enjoyed the arts through painting, pottery, jewelry making and quilting, but found the greatest reward making hand-designed hooked rugs.

Whether you knew her a day, a year or a lifetime she would leave an impression, not only with her demeanor and her wit but generous spirit and engaging conversation. She was a loving, generous mother, grandmother, a true loyal friend and creative soul who will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years Donald, a daughter Denise, one brother Louis, two sisters Marie and Eunice, and her parents.

She is survived by her daughter, Dee Marie Billings and her husband Tom of Clear Lake, Ind.; two sons, Reed Densel and his wife Karen of Dearborn, Mich., and Frank C. Densel and his wife Dee of Convoy, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Kelsey Frasier, Chase and Alicia Billings, Brock, Dale, Leslie, and Derek Densel; her consort of several years, Charles D. Hall of Angola, Ind., two sisters, Jean Proctor and Mary Hess; and one great-grandson, Lennon Michael.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2011, at the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Timothy Miller officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the services from 1-2 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are requested to the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post # 257.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Pauline Gollnick

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Pauline Mildred Gollnick, 92, of Angola, Ind., and formerly of Montgomery, died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Gollnick was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Angola and the United Brethren Church in Montgomery.

She was born April 3, 1919, in Gratiot County, Mich., to John and Bertha (Holmes) Pepple. In 1937, she married Gordon Gollnick and he preceded her in death in 1970.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Gary of Reading, Mich., Bertha (Dale) Osborn of Coldwater, Mich., and Sandra (David) Beard of Montpelier, Ohio; three sons, Norman Gollnick of Coldwater, Gordon Gollnick of Pleasant Lake, Ind., and Stephen Gollnick of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; a daughter-in-law, Mary Gollnick of Ray, Mich.; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Berg Cemetery in Montgomery.

Memorials are to her family.

George White Funeral Home in Reading is in charge of arrangements.

To view this obituary or send condolences, visit georgewhitefuneralhome.com.

Annabelle Perkins

COLUMBIA CITY —

Annabelle M. Perkins, 76, of Columbia City and formerly of Pierceton died

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at The Oaks Living Center.

Mrs. Perkins had also lived in

Warsaw, Ohio, Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Colorado.

She graduated from Larwill High School and Ravenscroft Beauty College.

A beautician, she worked at Mary Pace Beauty Salon in Fort Wayne for three years, Fibre Form for five years and Essex for 10 years, retiring in May 1997.

Mrs. Perkins was a member of VFW Post #5582 Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 15, 1934 in South Whitley to Leroy and Cora (Sroufe) Baker. She married Marlin G. "Pete" Perkins on Dec. 17, 1955. He died Aug. 22, 1998.

Surviving are six daughters, Debra (Darrell) Byrum of Warsaw, Sandra (Bob) Lane of Churubusco, Cindy Honaker of Columbia City, Penny (John) Santora of Berea, Ohio, Rebecca (Don) Middaugh of North Baltimore, Ohio, and Lori Pulley of Albion; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Baker, Ralph Baker, and a sister, Helen Eberhard.



Mrs. Perkins

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at New Hope Wesleyan Church, 971 N. C.R. 400 W, Columbia City, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.

Visitation will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or New Hope Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Rosemary Gray

COLUMBIA CITY —

Rosemary M. Gray, 92, of Crooked Lake and formerly of Huntington died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Gray graduated from Huntington High School in 1937.

She was a member of a Noble County Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born Sept. 18, 1918, in Markle, Ind., to John and Clellah (Redding) Horrell. On March 25, 1939 she married Norman A. Gray. He survives.

Also surviving are her four children, Judith (Ronald) Freel of Cromwell, Dennis (Annette) Gray of Silver Lake, Norma Erdly of Ligonier and Lois (Michael) Noel of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson and a sister, Roberta Barton.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Raymond Weber

ALBION — Raymond C Weber, 61 of Lake Barbara in Albion, died on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at 5:30 a.m. at his home. Mr. Weber had been in declining health for the last 3 years.



Mr. Weber

He was born on June 5, 1949, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was the son of Calvin R. and Barbara Jean (Asher) Weber.

A lifetime Albion resident, he graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1967, and on June 3, 1972, he married Lynda Kratchman at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Weber was a self-employed land surveyor and engineer and owned Weber LS & C in Albion. He and his wife also owned ALL Metal Manufacturing in Ligonier.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy, and he graduated from the United States Merchant Marines Academy in 1971. He was a member and past president of the Ligonier Rotary Club and was also a member of the Albion American Legion Post 242.

He enjoyed many things in his life, some of them being fishing, sailing, tractors, hunting and traveling the world. Most of all he loved watching his grandchildren play sports.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jaime and Barry Mooney of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Kara Weber of Albion; his grandchildren, Kaleb and Connor Mooney, and Cade and Keaton Weber.

Also surviving are a brother and his wife, Leslie A. and Emily Weber of Fort Wayne, and a sister and her husband, Elizabeth "Lib" and Brent McDowell of rural Avilla.

His parents preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Merriam Christian Chapel Church. The Rev. Terry Zolman will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, from 3-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

Cremation will follow.

Burial of ashes will take place privately at a later date at the Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Merriam Christian Chapel Church or Gideons International. Envelopes will be made available at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Donelda Hook

BUTLER — Donelda M. Hook, 82, formerly of Butler, died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthianna, Ky.

Mrs. Hook had worked in the housekeeping department of the Michigan State Hospital in Coldwater.

She was born on April 6, 1929, in Bryan Ohio to Clyde and Mary (Roth) Cox. She married William C. Hook on Sept. 2, 1948, in Joliet, Ill. He preceded in death on Sept. 20, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Ginger Hafer of Cynthianna, Ky., and Linda Wahl of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Clyde (Helen) Cox of Bradenton, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Wyona Converse, Vivian Chick and Frances Culbertson; and three infant brothers.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at H. E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with calling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Rev. Donald Lindemuth

CROMWELL — Reverend Donald G. "Pops" Lindemuth, 60, of Cromwell died Wednesday May 25, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church.

He was born May 29, 1950 in Ligonier.

Surviving are his children, Rhonda Harden of Corunna, Tina Winebrenner of Angola, Carl Winebrenner of Roberts, Ill., Akita Pepper of Huntington and Amber Cowles of Corunna; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Ronald Lindemuth. Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to American Legion Post, 243 100 S. Main St., Ligonier, IN 46767. Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Belinda Beiswanger

KENDALLVILLE — Belinda Beiswanger died at 10:35 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2011, at her home in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at Hite

Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at South Milford Church of Christ. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

A full obit will be in Saturday's edition.

Sandra Frees

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Sandra K. Frees, 65, of Constantine died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at her residence.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Christian Fellowship Center, 201 North St., in Sturgis, Mich.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Ed Emenhiser

HICKSVILLE — Ed Emenhiser, 51, died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are Sunday at 2 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial is in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling is Saturday from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

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Linda Bassett

AUBURN — Linda J. Bassett, 74, died Friday, May 27, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born July 3, 1936, in Salem Center to Reuel and Evelyn (Shufelt) Ransburg.

Linda has owned and operated Bassett Office Furniture and Supply in Auburn since 1973.

She was very active and loved traveling, her grandchildren, her kids, reading, watching Jeopardy and Home Extension activities.

She was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ of Ashley/Hudson. She was active in the church, belonging to its St. Johns Guild and Northeast Indiana Association for Women.

Linda was a volunteer for DeKalb Hospice. She was a member and held various offices in Chatter Belles Home Extension Club, Indiana Extension Homemaker, ACWW and NVON.

She was honored with awards as DeKalb County Homemaker of the Year, Purdue Friend of Extension and DeKalb Friend of Extension.

Linda married Virgil Bassett on November 11, 1956, in St. Johns United Church of Christ and he died May 21, 1993.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter, Jeff (Kathy) Bassett of Auburn, David (Carrie) Bassett of Auburn and Patti (Scott) Warstler of Garrett; a brother, Van (Helen) Ransburg of Hudson; six grandchildren, Ashlee (Paul) Fiandaca, Luke Bassett, Jasper Bassett, Ethan Bassett, Michael Warstler

and Matthew Warstler; and two great-grandchildren, Gaige and Sophia Fiandaca.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and twin daughters, Nancy and Diane.

Services will be at 11

a.m. Monday, May 30, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor John Kabes and Pastor Kim Nusbaum officiating. Burial will be in Mt Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to St Johns United Church of Christ or DeKalb County Extension Homemakers Scholarship Fund. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Darrell Hewitt

WATERLOO — Darrell Duane Hewitt, 47, of Waterloo died Friday, May 27, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 23, 1964, in North Kingston, R.I. His father Roger Hewitt is deceased. His mother Charlene (Farrell) Walla survives in Auburn and his stepmother survives in Fort Wayne.

He coached youth league softball for a number of years in Auburn, Waterloo and Jackson Township.

He married Janice E. "Jenny" Lowery on March 30, 1985, in Michigan. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son, Jessica Hewitt of Auburn, Jenna Hewitt of Auburn and Jason Hewitt of Waterloo; a granddaughter, Emma Feller; a sister, Chris Beck of Bluffton; three brothers, Greg Hewitt of Auburn, Steve (Chris) Hewitt of Coco, Fla., and Jeff Hewitt of Ashley; a brother-in-law, Jeff Dyke of Andrews; and his stepmother, Po Hewitt, of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother-in-law, Jake Lowery.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. David Mathews officiating.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Julian Combs

AUBURN — Julian Marie "Julie" Combs, 52, died Friday, May 27, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

She was a graduate of DeKalb High School and the New River Community College.

Ms. Combs worked as a nurses' aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, for Magnavox in Auburn, as a nurses' aide for Dr. Peter F. Kelly and the Radford Hospital in Radford, Virginia, and then for Dr. Duncan as an optician assistant in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the YMCA of Auburn and volunteered at the Parkview Hospital ICU Progressive Unit in Fort Wayne and at the Radford Hospital in Radford, Virginia.

She was born Nov. 7, 1958, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Louise (Jansen) and Glenn Todd of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Edward "TJ" and Emily Combs of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Darwin Wayne "Chipper" Combs of Beckley, West Virginia; her fiancé, Bill White of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Steve and Cathy Raymond of Auburn, and Duane and Connie Todd of Auburn; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Michelle M. Massey of Auburn, Lisa and Steve Woods of Auburn, and Pamela and Jim Hablawetz of Hicksville, Ohio; one grandchild; and seven step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Irvan Raymond; a daughter, Tammy McBride; and one grandchild.

A Mass of Christian

Mary Fletcher

WARSAW — Mary Elizabeth Fletcher, 82, of Warsaw died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home in Warsaw. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery at South Whitley.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196, or Center of Hope Cancer Care, 1520 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580.

burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with father Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn or the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Michael Mullins

WOLCOTTVILLE — Michael J. Mullins, 60, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services are Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Burial is in Woodruff Cemetery with military rites by the Rome City American Legion Post #318.

Calling is Monday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Marilyn Striggle

AUBURN — Marilyn "Sue" Striggle, 79, of Auburn died Friday, May 27, 2011, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. L. Joe Fichtner officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

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Jean Fox

KENDALLVILLE — Jean Barber Fox, age 88, of Kendallville died on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Fox was born in Rome City, Indiana, on September 18, 1922, to the late Brent L. Fox Sr. and Mildred (Watkins) Fox.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1940 and entered the United States Army Air Corps during WWII.

He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and proudly served his country from 1942 to 1946.

He married Phyllis Jean Fox on February 20, 1946, in Kendallville. Jean preceded his death on March 7, 2010.

Jean retired from Flint & Walling in Kendallville in 1987 after 19 years of service. He was the manager of the customer service department.

In 1976, under Sheriff John Stoner, Jean helped organize the Noble County Sheriff Department Reserves.

He became a Reserve Officer and Special Deputy until he retired in December 2006 after 31 years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 86 and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Jean enjoyed golf and ice fishing.



Mr. Fox

Survivors include two daughters, Linda and Dean DeGroff of Kendallville and Stacy and John Cochard of Kendallville; daughter-in-law, Laura Fox of Missoula, Montana; his grandchildren, Douglas and Rebecca DeGroff of Kendallville; Alan Fox of Missoula, Montana; Audrey and Brian Paul of Wolf Lake; Emily Cochard of Kendallville; and Justin Cochard of Kendallville; and five great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Dan Fox, PhD, who died on March 20, 1999; his brother, Brent L. Fox Jr.; and his sister, Patricia Spencer.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 31, 2011, from 11 a.m. to noon at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at noon at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Robert Farmer.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Military graveside honors will be conducted by the VFW Post #2749, Kendallville, and American Legion Post #381, Rome City, honor guards as well as active duty troops from the Army National Guard.

Casketbearers will be

John Cochard, Dean DeGroff, Brian Paul, and Doug DeGroff.

Honorary bearers are Dwight Gallimore, Jerry Cochran, and Sonny Rinehart, and Larry McGahen.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Sheriff's Department Reserves.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Jean by Tuesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bonnie Grawcock

AUBURN — Bonnie R. Grawcock, 91 of Auburn and formerly of LaOtto, died at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Chandler House in Kendallville.

Mrs. Grawcock was a teacher's aide at Alliance Industries for 23 years, retiring in 1980.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and was a member of the ladies aide at the church. She was also a member of the Swanette Homemaker's Club.

She was born Sept. 3, 1919, in Ada, Minn., to Charles M. and Ruth (Vraa) Gorrell. She married Albert J. Grawcock on Nov. 8, 1941 in LaOtto and he survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, Jim (Kathy) Grawcock of LaOtto, John (Betty) Grawcock of Ligonier, and Leslie (Renee) Grawcock of Auburn; a daughter, Ruthann (Mike) Hervey of Wasilla, Alaska; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Bob Gorrell.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.



Mrs. Grawcock

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William Cleverly

FREMONT — William Berton "Bill" Cleverly, 85, went to be with the Lord at 9:10 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011, surrounded by his family at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.



Mr. Cleverly

Born April 1, 1926, to Glen Curtis and Hilda Marie (Ingledue) Cleverly in Angola, Ind.

William served in the United States Army as a Private 1st Class from 1944 to 1947, proudly protecting his family and country in World War II.

He retired from Fremont Manufacturing in 1989 after 15 years of service.

Surviving are his loving wife, Sharon P. (Ansley); his son, William Kurtis (LeeAnn) Cleverly of Fremont; seven daughters, Sheri P. (Chad) Pierce of New Jersey, Kathy Cleverly of Fort Wayne, Joleen Hancock of Pleasant Lake, Kim Cleverly of Fremont, Tammy (Scott) Charters of Angola, Billie Oliver of Kendallville, and Frances (Walter) Herendeen of Angola; 21 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen Curtis Cleverly and Hilda Maria (Ingledue) Cleverly, his brother Donald Dean Cleverly, a grandson, Karsten Williams and a great-grandson, Devon Stevenson.

William enjoyed camping, fishing, loved watching races, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed making bird houses and woodworking. He married Sharon Paulette (Ansley) on July 29, 1972, in Angola, Ind., and they cherished their 39 years together.

Known as "Wild Bill," he was a jack of all trades, and a master of none, he enjoyed his "Red Hat" ladies, he was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge, and he attended the Fremont Community Church.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He also had a favorite little dog, "Butterscotch."

Funeral services will be held at Beams Funeral Home at 11 am Wednesday, June 1, 2011, with the Rev. Darold Beck and Dr. Greg Chupp and Kevin Landis officiating.

Viewing will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home. Burial will be at Fremont Cemetery, Fremont, Indiana.

Memorials are requested to Sharon P. Cleverly.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ed Emenhiser

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ed Emenhiser, 51, died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery at Harlan, Ind.

Visitation will be from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice.

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Belinda Beiswanger

KENDALLVILLE — Belinda Sue (Bryant) Beiswanger, 55, of Kendallville went on to Heaven from her home Thursday, May 26, 2011, after an eight-month battle with cancer.



Mrs.
Beiswanger

She was born July 6, 1955, in Wabash to G. Wendell and Edna Bryant. She graduated from Whitko High School in 1973 and Purdue University in 1977 with a degree in education. She then completed her Master of Education from Indiana University. She used her talents to invest in the lives of children as an elementary school teacher for 22 years, teaching for the past 12 years at Wayne Center in Kendallville and previously at Wolf Lake and schools in Whitley County.

Belinda married Lee T. Beiswanger at the North Winona Church of the Brethren in Warsaw on July 7, 1984.

Belinda was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ for 27 years, where she played piano and was involved in many ways.

One of her joys was to travel with her friends and family. Some of her favorite trips took her to Switzerland, Hawaii, Florida, Yellowstone, and all over the country on the motorcycle with her husband. She enjoyed spending time with her family playing games and watching movies, reading, and playing the piano.

Belinda will be remembered for her sweet spirit and attitude of goodness and kindness to all she encountered. Her joy encouraged her family and friends, and her laugh was known to be heard from the other side of the hallway at school. Her love for the Lord was prominent in the way she lived her life.

Belinda is survived by her husband, Lee, her daughter, Kelly, and her son, Benjamin, all of Kendallville; her mother, Edna Bryant of Piercetown; her brother, Bruce (Lisa) Bryant of Kokomo; her sister, Angie (Mark) Green of Zionsville; her brother, Jim (Susan) Bryant of Libertyville,

Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

Her father preceded her in death in 2005.

Visitation will be Monday, May 30, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 31, at 11 a.m. at South Milford Church of Christ, with Brian Walter, Gil Alicea, Jim Mertz, and Kristian Jarrett officiating.

Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Andrew Bryant, Justin Bryant, Travis Bryant, Chris Bryant, Alex Green, Thomas Beiswanger, and Austin Beiswanger.

Preferred memorials may be made to South Milford Church of Christ, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, or Heifer International.

Send a Condolence online to the family or view a video tribute of Belinda at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty Hart

AUBURN — Betty D. Hart 87, of Auburn died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery in

Auburn with the Rev. Dan White officiating.

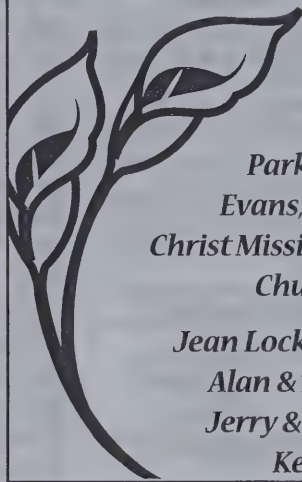
Memorials are to Laurels of DeKalb.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn, are in charge of arrangements.

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*The family of **Richard Lockhart & Terry Lockhart** wish to thank all those who offered prayers, kind words, food, cards & visits during our time of loss.*

We would like to especially thank the staff at the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler, Parkview Noble, Parkview Behavioral Health, Parkview Main, Pastor Steve Evans, Cedar Lake Church of Christ Mission Circle & Cedar Lake Church of Christ.



*Jean Lockhart, Kathy Orwig,
Alan & Brenda Lockhart,
Jerry & Linda Engstrand, &
Ken & Shelley Meyer*



Joan Trenanry Cook (2002) and Lorin E. Cook (2011)

Lorin Cook
Joan Cook

AUBURN — A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 4, 2011, for Lorin E. Cook and Joan Trenary Cook.

Lorin and Joan were married June 4, 1949, and moved to Ontario, Canada, in July 1964.

Their union saw six children fill the family tree.

Please join with us to remember and celebrate Joan and Lorin on June 4 at the Italian Grill, 227 N. Duesenberg Drive, Auburn, Ind., from noon to 3 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

*Judy, Larry, Cheryl,
Brooks, Nathan and Andy*

'She was such a beautiful person'

Store owner known for her energy, smiles

BY DENNIS NARTKER

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KENDALLVILLE — When her granddaughter KrisTena Cartwright got married, Beth Reiske sent her husband a T-shirt with the words "Don't Worry Be Happy" on the front.

"Roe (as her family liked to call her) was always smiling, laughing and having fun. Her energy was contagious," recalled Jan Harkner-Abbs.

Children of the 1950s-1970s in Kendallville who had a new bicycle or dreamed of having a new bicycle probably remember her energy and smiles, too, when they entered the Western Auto Store on South Main Street. Mrs. Reiske and her husband, Bill, co-owned and managed the popular store in the downtown business district. They sold auto parts, tires and had a Spiegel catalog center, but it was the place to go to see the newest Schwinn, J.C. Higgins Flightliner and Western Flyer bicycles.

The store had rows and rows of new bikes and bicycle parts. It was like a new auto dealership for kids, and the friendly owners were Bill and Beth Reiske.

"That store was downtown Kendallville," recalled daughter Karen Henschen. It was the Walmart of the 1950s.

Beth Romaine Reiske, 88, of Kendallville passed away on May 23, 2011. Her husband of nearly 57 years, William S. Reiske, preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 2000.

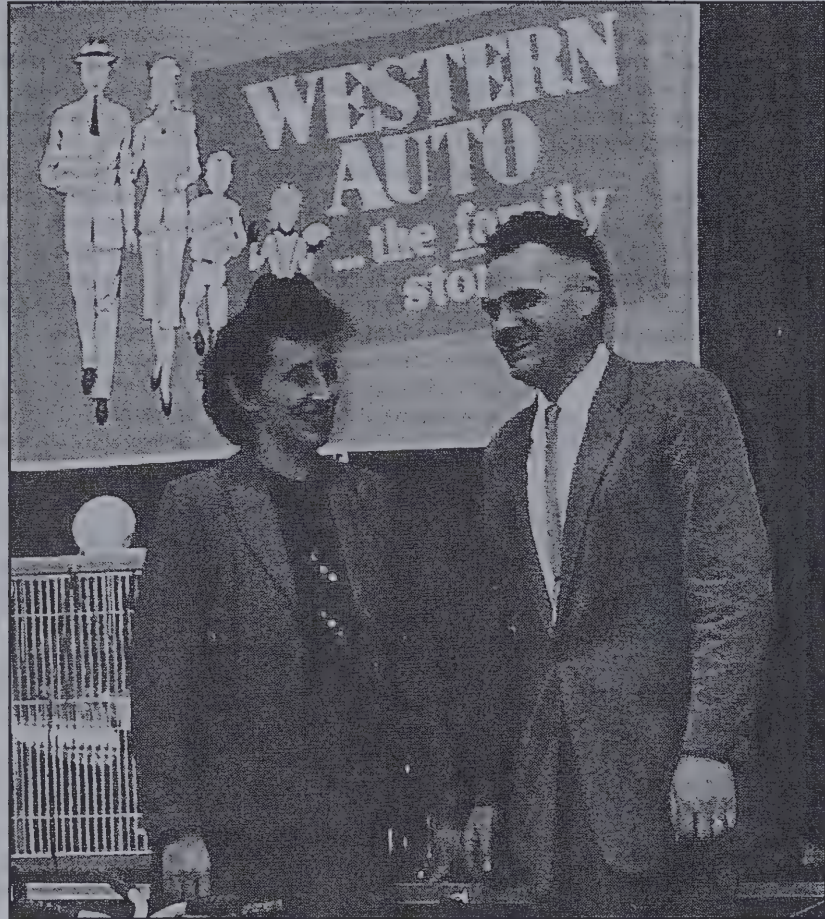


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Beth and Bill Reiske stand in the Western Auto store they owned and managed in downtown Kendallville for 28 years in the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s.

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Their children, Sue Abbs, James Reiske and Karen Henschen, recalled that even though their parents' store sold the popular Schwinn Flyer bikes, they never owned a new one themselves. Their father would fix up a used one and say it was good enough, and their mother agreed. She was the store's bookkeeper, too.

Retail stores filled most of the buildings in downtown Kendallville in the 1950s-1970s, and every storefront had window displays to entice customers, especially on holidays.

"Mom designed all the Western Auto window displays, and most people said they were some of the best ones in town," recalled Sue Abbs.

Barb Mulholland, former Kendallville resident and executive director of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce, often shopped at the Western Auto Store. She remembers the time she purchased a pedal tractor and trailer for her son for Christmas but didn't have any place at her house to store it or hide it until Christmas.

"Beth said, 'Leave it here, and pick it up whenever you want,'" said Mulholland. She had planned to pick it up Christmas Eve but forgot. Mrs. Reiske called to remind her, because she knew it was a Christmas gift.

"She was always looking out for others. She was such a beautiful person," Mulholland said.

The Reiske and Abbs families became very close over the years. Sue Reiske married Scott Abbs, and Beth Reiske and Jane Abbs, the Abbs' family matriarch, became close friends.

Jim Abbs, Sue's brother-in-law, recalled the time he met with Bill and Beth Reiske to prepare their will. It was in 1992, and Abbs was a lawyer in the Emerick & Diggins law office in downtown Kendallville.

"I was going over things with them when the tornado hit downtown, went out to Fairview and Arvada Hills," he said. "After the storm, Beth said to me, 'Maybe we'd should sign this will right now.'"

Pastor Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church, where Beth sang in the choir, said Beth loved her family and had faith in God. Her favorite hymn was "In the Garden."

Cartwright said her grandma had a big heart.

"Whenever you met up with her, you walked away with a lipstick print on your cheek. She loved to wear bright lipstick and with all the kisses on the cheek, she left her mark," she said.

Grandson Troy Abbs said his grandparents loved each other very much. They didn't like to be apart.

"You could see how much grandma missed grandpa," he said. "She taught me how you should treat your spouse, and you can see it in our family."

Her husband Bill's favorite song was "I Love You," and he sang it at family gatherings with Beth accompanying him on the piano. A recording of their duet was played at her funeral.

Mrs. Reiske's favorite poem was "There Are Angels Among Us," and she would give copies of the poem to friends.

Cartwright said heaven will be little brighter now. "I'm sure grandma has the angels singing," she said.

Reiske is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Dianne and Ronald Henschen of Kendallville and Sue Abbs of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James William and Doreen Reiske of Carefree, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She is buried in Lake View Cemetery north of Kendallville.

Dennis Thain

FORT WAYNE —

Dennis R. Thain, 68, of Fort Wayne, died May 24, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 12, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Robert W. and Evelyn (Green) Thain.

Mr. Thain was a retired truck driver for a hardwood lumber yard. He graduated from New Haven High School. He was an avid antique light collector, enjoyed drag racing and working on cars. He formerly lived in Arizona and enjoyed the Western states and mountains.



Mr. Thain

Survivors include his companion: Nancy Thain of Angola; two sons: Dennis Thain of Florida and Robert Thain of Butler; two stepdaughters: Valerie and John Zenizo of Vail, Ariz. and Dawn and Don Saak of Bountiful, Utah; his mother: Evelyn Thain of Fort Wayne; two brothers: Kelvin and Irene Thain of Columbia City and Lyle Thain of Fort Wayne; and one sister: Arlene and Mike Koester.

He was preceded in death by his father.

There will be no visitation and no funeral services.

Memorials may be made to Rise, Inc.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com and to thainnl@aol.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, 495-2915.

Julian Combs

AUBURN — Julian Marie "Julie" Combs, 52, died Friday, May 27, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

She was a graduate of

DeKalb High School and the New River Community College.



Ms. Combs

Ms. Combs worked as a nurses' aide at DeKalb Memorial

Hospital in Auburn, for Magnavox in Auburn, as a nurses' aide for Dr. Peter F. Kelly and the Radford Hospital in Radford, Virginia, and then for Dr. Duncan as an optician assistant in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the YMCA of Auburn and volunteered at the Parkview Hospital ICU Progressive Unit in Fort Wayne and at

the Radford Hospital in Radford, Virginia.

She was born Nov. 7, 1958, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Louise (Jansen) and Glenn Todd of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Edward "TJ" and Emily Combs of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Darwin Wayne "Chipper" Combs of Beckley, West Virginia; her fiancé, Bill White of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Steve and Cathy Raymond of Auburn, and Duane and Connie Todd of Auburn; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Michelle M. Massey of Auburn, Lisa and Steve Woods of Auburn, and Pamela and Jim Hablawetz of Hicksville, Ohio; one grandchild; and seven step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Irvan Raymond; a daughter, Tammy McBride; and one grandchild.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with father Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn or the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

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Michael Mullins

WOLCOTTVILLE — Michael J. Mullins, 60, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

He lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School. He worked for Hoosier Propane as a delivery truck driver. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson



Mr. Mullins

and doing landscaping. He was a U.S. Army Veteran serving his country in Vietnam. Michael was also a member of Abate of Indiana and the Rome City American Legion Post #381. Michael was born on August 10, 1950, in Hazard, Ky. to Herschel and LouAnna (Combs) Mullins.

On June 30, 1973, he married Belle Jewell in Stroh. She survives in Wolcottville. Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and William Owens of Talcum, Ky., a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Amy Jewell of Grand Rapids, Mich., five grandchildren, John and Nathaniel Owens of Talcum, Ky., and Catherine, Sarah and Kimberly Jewell of Grand Rapids, Mich. and a brother, Charles Thacker of Stroh. Preceding him in death are his parents, and a son, Josh Mullins.

James Spangle

ANGOLA — James Roy Spangle, 59, of Angola, died May 26, 2011, at IU Health Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born November 18, 1951, in Angola to Max and Gloria (Deller) Spangle.

He married Susan Lelja on March 20, 1976.

Mr. Spangle worked at Wayside Furniture Inc., Angola, delivered fuel oil

for Penix Oil; worked at Essex in Coldwater, Mich. and Eagle Picher in Ashley.

Survivors include his wife Susan (Lelja) Spangle of Angola; a son Matthew Spangle of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Ryan Herbert of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law Deborah and Lynn Smathers of Hudson, and three grandchildren Landon, Ava and Ella Herbert, all of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Spangle was a charter member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola; precinct vice committeeman for Pleasant 7 in Steuben County; Steuben County Crime Stoppers; Steuben County Sheriff's Merit Board since 2004; and

coached T-Ball, baseball and softball for the Angola Kids League.

He lived on Crooked Lake and loved all lake activities. He loved riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. But most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola with Pastor Alan LaRue officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials may be made to the Steuben County Crime Stoppers and Pleasant View Church of Christ.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Burial will take place in Woodruff Cemetery with military rites being provided by the Rome City American Legion Post #381.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 30, 2011, at the funeral home from 2-6 p.m. Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Robison

BUTLER — Mary Robison, 87, died Friday at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

There are no services or calling scheduled at this time. Arrangements are being handled by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Jacob Yoder

LAGRANGE — Jacob J. Yoder, 88, of LaGrange, died at 11:12 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the Jacob Yoder Jr. residence, 3005 W. 100N, LaGrange.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, also at the Jacob Yoder Jr. residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop Wilbur Bontrager and home ministers. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Niebauer

MIDDLEBURY — Charles Frederick "Chuck" Niebauer, 64, of Middlebury died unexpectedly and due to natural causes at 6:26 p.m. Thursday at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3415 Pleasant Plain

Ave., Elkhart. Services will be conducted by Bishop Calvin Baker.

Memorials may be given to MDA, the Diabetes Association, or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Anna Earl

SHIPSHEWANA — Anna Earl, 82, of Shippshewana, died at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at her residence.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury. Services will be conducted by Pastor John McClimans.

Memorials may be given to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Lucretia Noward

WOLCOTTVILLE, Ind.
— Lucretia R. “Lucy”
Noward, 85, of Oliver Lake,
Wolcottville, died Sunday,
May 29,
2011 at her
residence
with family
and friends
at her side.

She was
a retired
elementary
teacher with
the East
Noble School Corp. working
at Rome City Elementary for
22 years. She retired in
1990.

She moved to the area
from Muncie in 1968. She
was a member of the Retired
Teachers Association and the
First United Methodist
Church of LaGrange. She
volunteered at Parkview
LaGrange Hospital,
Parkview Home Health and
Hospice and the Gene
Stratton-Porter State Historic
Site.

She enjoyed knitting,
quilting, cross-stitching,
crossword puzzles, reading,
flowers and music.

Lucy was born March 25,
1926 in Beuchel, Ky. to
James P. and Catherine
(Gibson) Smith. On Dec. 5,
1943, she married Marion
Dale Noward in Muncie,
Ind. He preceded her in
death in July 1973.

Surviving is a daughter
and son-in-law, Judith and
Steven Henderson of
Muncie, Ind.; a son and
daughter-in-law, Myron and
Cindy Noward of Kendall-
ville, Ind.; a daughter-in-law,
Aliceann Noward of
Springhill, Fla.; six
grandchildren, Niccole
Williamson, Caleb
Henderson, Christien
Noward, Stephanie
Chewning, Stephen Noward
and Melissa Noward; and
three great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Noward

Preceding her in death
were her parents, a husband,
a son, Stephen Noward in
December 2001, and a sister,
Bernice Burton.

Funeral services will be
at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 2,
2011 at the First United
Methodist Church of
LaGrange, 209 W. Spring
St., LaGrange, with Rev.
Chris Danielson officiating.
Burial will take place in
Greenwood Cemetery,
LaGrange.

Visitation will be 2-4 and
6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1,
2011 at Frurip-May Funeral
Home, 309 W. Michigan St.,
LaGrange, Ind.

Memorials may be
contributed to the First
United Methodist Church of
LaGrange or Parkview
Home Health and Hospice.

Online condolences may
be submitted to the family at
fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Palmerton

FREMONT, Ind. —
Barbara L. Palmerton, 79, of
Fremont died Saturday, May
28, 2011 at her residence.

She was a retired
receptionist at Cleveland
Mobile Home, Angola, Ind.

She graduated from
Fremont High School in
1949, and attended Indiana
Business College. She was a
former member of the Order
of Eastern Star, Fremont.
Mrs. Palmerton enjoyed
knitting and crocheting,
baking and cooking, and her
family and grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.

On Dec. 23, 1931, she
was born to George B. and
Mary L. Foulk in Fort
Wayne, Ind.. She married
Dean Palmerton in Angola
on April 4, 1953. He
survives in Fremont.

In addition to her
husband, she is survived by
two daughters and sons-in-
law, Sherry and Doug
Bessler, Fremont, and Lorie
and Mark Knisely, Fremont;
a son, Denny and Patricia
Palmerton, Fremont; seven
grandchildren, Mandy
Bressler, Breanna and
Brandon Derrow, Perry
Palmerton, Ryan Palmerton,
Melanie and Tim Constan-
tino, Robin and Sam
Guagenti and Mitchell
Knisely; and three great-
grandchildren, Zach,
Maximus and Andrew.

Her parents, step-mother
Iva Foulk and step-brother
John Eastes preceded her in
death.

A private graveside
service will be held at Ray-
Covenanter Cemetery,
Fremont.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m.
Sunday, June 5, 2011, at
Beams Funeral Home,
Fremont.

Memorials are to the
donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent
online to beamsfuneral-
home.com.

Beams Funeral Home,
Fremont, is in charge of
arrangements.

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Lorraine Bunn

WOLCOTTVILLE, Ind. — Lorraine Bunn, 56, of Wolcottville, passed away Saturday, May 28, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital.

She was born August 23, 1954 in Long Island, N.Y. to Joseph and Lena (Proietti) Verdino.

Mrs. Bunn worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Clifford Salk with New York Dentist. She enjoyed numerous things including activities at the lake, bowling, golfing, vacationing and gambling.

Surviving are her children, Robert L. (Megan) Bunn II of Ossian, Ind., and



Mrs. Bunn

Casey Lynn (fiance John "JT" Duty) Bunn of Wolcottville; grandson, Gavin Robert Duty of Wolcottville; mother, Lena Verdino of Fort Wayne; sisters, Joan (John) Treanor of Brooksville, Florida, Doreen (Steve) Rietdorf of Fort Wayne, and Darlene (Max) Oliver of Belleview, Florida.

Preceding her in death were her husband Robert P. Bunn in 2005, and her father Joseph Verdino.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Pathway Community Church, 11910 Shearwater Run, Fort Wayne, with one hour of visitation prior to services.

Visitation will also be Wednesday, June 1, 2011, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visit elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com to leave online condolences.

Catherine Cunningham

ANGOLA, Ind. — Catherine "Dolly" Elizabeth Cunningham, 94, of Angola, died Sunday, May 29, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home, Angola.



She was a homemaker but held several small jobs over the years. She graduated from Mount Jackson High School in Mount Jackson, Pa. in 1934.

She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola where she was a member of the Friendly Circle. She loved to play cards and was a member of a local bridge club.

Born September 2, 1916 in Hagerstown, Md., she was the daughter of the late Howard S. and Gladys Bair.

Surviving are three children, Terry H. and wife Donna Cunningham, Hagerstown, Md., James A. and wife Arlene Cunningham of Auburn, Ind., and Lissa M. and husband Craig Henney of Angola, Ind.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband James E. Cunningham in 1975, and a brother, Howard S. Bair Jr. of Mount Jackson, Pa.

There is no funeral service. Internment will be in Hagerstown, Md. at the convenience of the family.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011 at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorial donations can be made to Pleasant View Church of Christ or the Council on Aging, both in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Cunningham

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Bertha Teegardin

AVILLA — Bertha Teegardin, 89, died Sunday, May 29, 2011, at The Hearth at Windmore, Fishers, Ind.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, rural Kendallville.

Calling will 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2011, at the funeral home.

Shannon Ross

HUNTINGTON — Shannon Jean Ross, 26, of Huntington, formerly of Albion, died Friday, May 27, 2011 at 6 p.m. at her home in Huntington.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Albion.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the funeral home.

A full obituary will be published in Wednesday's News Sun.

Rhonna McCauley

KENDALLVILLE — Rhonna McCauley, 76, of Kendallville, died Monday, May 30, 2011 at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Cremation arrangements

are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

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Velma Whitcomb

ORLAND — Velma Jeanette Whitcomb, 92, of Orland died Monday, May 30, 2011, at

Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Whitcomb was the retired

owner of the Ice Cream Store in

Orland, Ind. She had formerly worked at Bronson Reel and at Montgomery Wards in Fort Wayne, Ind. She had also worked at Victor Gasket and Dana in Churubusco, Ind.

She was a 1936 graduate of Orland High School and was class valedictorian.

Mrs. Whitcomb was a member of Brighton Chapel Church and involved in the women's church group. She was also a member of the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers and playing euchre.

She was born October 23, 1918, in Bronson, Michigan, to Edward M. Guernsey and Rubia (Morrow) Guernsey-Young. They preceded her in death. She married Ralph Whitcomb on May 9, 1936, in Bronson. He preceded her in death on August 6, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter, Rae Jean Whitcomb of Wexford, Pa.; a daughter-in-law, Connie Whitcomb of Greenville, S.C.; three grandchildren, Julie Ross, Natalie and Joseph Rizzo and Leslie and Michael Kucinkas; six great-grandchildren; three half sisters, June and Garth Wilber of Bronson, Mich., Jean Blasius of Sturgis, Mich., and Joan Larimer of Traverse City, Mich.; and



Mrs. Whitcomb

two half brothers, C. Martin Crabill and Northa Crabill and Bronson, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Gary Whitcomb; an infant son, Ralph James Whitcomb; a brother, Arlington Guernsey; and two stepsisters, Dorothy (Crabill) Wilson and Virginia (Crabill) Ballard.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind. with the Rev. Rustin Krapful and the Rev. Steve Altman.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Memorials are to the Orland Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

John Boger

TOLEDO, Ohio — John L. Boger, 66, of Toledo, Ohio, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on May 26, 2011.

He died unexpectedly of heart-related causes at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo.

John was born on Dec.



Mr. Boger

18, 1944, to Harold A. and Dorothy (Mavis) Boger in Auburn. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1963 and also from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in business. He graduated from Rhema Bible Institute in Oklahoma and was an ordained minister. He served his country in the United States Air Force.

John married Jean Rollins in 1968.

He was employed at Dana Corp. in Auburn and in Colorado Springs. In his later years he worked at Sam's Photo Lab and was a manager at Walmart in Toledo.

John was a devout Christian. He read and studied the Bible every day. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, and two children, William (Regina) Boger of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Regina Boger of Toledo; two stepchildren, Theresa (William) Hart of Fort Wayne and James (Julie) Sattison of Butler; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters, Clarence Boger, Michael Boger and Larry Boger, all of Auburn, and Carolyn Trammel and Marlene Boger of Auburn; and one sister-in-law, Nancy Boger of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Franklin Boger, and a sister, Gloria Boger.

Toledo Crematorium Society is in charge of cremation.

A memorial service will take place June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with calling from 4 to 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Shannon Ross

HUNTINGTON — Shannon Jean Ross, age 26, of Huntington and formerly of Albion died on Friday, May 27, 2011 at 6 a.m. at her home in Huntington.

She was born on February 19, 1985, in Fort Wayne, and was the daughter of Ricky Ross and Kimberly Todd-Ross.

A lifetime Albion resident, she moved to Huntington one and a half years ago. She graduated from Central Noble High School in 2003, where she was involved in track, cross country and the Shakespear Club. She was also on the traveling softball team in Albion.

She attended Ligonier Church of Christ and First Brethren Church in Huntington.

Miss Ross was a nursing technician at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club where she helped kids with their homework and played games with them. She enjoyed arts and crafts, crocheting, card games and listening to music. Most of all she loved spending time with her little brother and sister and her family.

Surviving are her mother and her fiancée, Kimberly Todd-Ross and Kelly Liedel of Albion; her father and stepmother, Ricky and Melissa Ross of Huntington; her twin brother and sister-in-law, Cpl. Shane E. and Clari Bel of Camp Pendleton in San Diego, a brother, and sister, Ryder and Molly Ross, both of Huntington; and her maternal grandparents, Bud and Bev Todd of Albion.



Miss Ross

Bertha Teegardin

KENDALLVILLE — Bertha Bernice Teegardin, age 89, formerly of Avilla and Kendallville, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2011, at The Hearth at Windermere, Fishers, Indiana, where she resided the past 4 years.



Mrs. Teegardin

Mrs. Teegardin was born in Avilla, Indiana, on February 19, 1922, to the late Elmer and Ida May (Koons) Wells.

She married Cecil Ernest Teegardin on October 7, 1939, in Garrett, Indiana. Together they made their home on Bertha's family farm. He preceded her death on January 24, 1990.

Mrs. Teegardin was employed by the East Noble School Corporation and worked in the Avilla School cafeteria for 21 years before she retired in 1991.

Bertha's interests included cooking, gardening and spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter. She loved her family, always putting them first, and she often looked to help those in need.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Julie Ann and Scott Lentz of Fishers, Indiana; her granddaughter, Megan Lentz also of Fishers; many nieces and nephews; and her special caregiver, Tracy Baker.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Dale Wells.

Visitation will be Friday, June 3, 2011, from 7-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Mr. Thomas Novy.

Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Avilla.

Preferred memorials may be made to The Hearth at Windermere, Keepsake Village, 9745 Olympia Drive, Fishers, IN 46037.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Bertha at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

She is preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Gene and Nellie Ross.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 3, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Mel Harrell and the Rev. Dianna Teusch will officiate.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Family requests memorials to be made to the Huntington Boys and Girls Club, envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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Richard Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Richard L. Johnson, 82, of Kendallville and formerly of Rockford, Ill., died Monday, May 30, 2011, in Lutheran Life Villages at Kendallville.



Mr. Johnson was employed by the Federal Aviation Agency for 35 years. He was an air traffic controller at Migs, Midway and O'Hare airports all in Chicago, and retired as training officer from the Rockford Airport.



Mr. Johnson

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 381, Rome City.

He was born Dec. 29, 1928, in Rockford to Axel and Emelia (Johnson) Johnson. On Dec. 16, 1960, in Rockford he married Beverly Reno. She survives at Sylvan Lake.

Also surviving are a daughter, Victoria (Les) Scheiss of Monroe Center, Ill.; a son, Dr. Greg (Carolyn) Johnson of Sylvan Lake; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Wallschlaeger of Florida.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ed, Gunner, Evar and Melvin Johnson.

Burial will be in Rockford, Ill., with honor guard services provided by the Rockford American Legion Post.

There will be no local services or calling.

Larry Deardorf

AUBURN — Larry F. Deardorf, 74, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Deardorf

Mr. Deardorf worked at Auburn Gear in Auburn for 36 years, retiring March 31, 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Germany from 1959-1961.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and a past member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn.

He was born March 31, 1937, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Forrest David and Nellie (Booth) Deardorf.

Surviving are his girlfriend, Pauline Livergood of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry W. and Cathy Deardorf of Fort

Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Dave Dillinger of Auburn, and Cheryl and Larry Watson of Huntington; six grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 13 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Joan Overmyer of Hicksville, Ohio; and a stepsister-in-law, Mary Plum of Antwerp, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Richard Deardorf; and a stepbrother, Norman "Fred" Plum.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service Friday. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will also be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville, IN 46755 or to American Legion Post 381, 110 Kelly St., Rome City, IN 46784.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Goetschius

PLEASANT LAKE — Mary Louise Goetschius, 88, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, May 30, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Goetschius was a school teacher and a librarian. She taught school in Franklin, Pa.,

Lewistown, Pa., and Cumberland, Md. She served as a librarian for the Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County for 10 years.

She was a member of Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola.

Mrs. Goetschius served as a volunteer for the Steuben County Literacy Coalition.

She was born Dec. 8, 1922, in York, Pa., to Oscar and Mary (Edwards) Kraybill. They are deceased.

She married the Rev. Emmett M. Goetschius on Oct. 26, 1945. He died Oct. 28, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Peter and Karen Goetschius of Pittsburg, Pa., Paul and Judy Goetschius of Erie, Pa., Mark and Julie Goetschius of Hicksville, Ohio; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jessie Goetschius.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Peter Goetschius officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.



**Mrs.
Goetschius**

Kim Marks

WARSAW — Kim Arthur Marks, 52, of Warsaw died Saturday, May 28, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Marks had previously resided in Kendallville and Syracuse.

He was born July 30, 1957, in Kendallville to Wayne and Gloria (Albright) Marks. They survive in

LaGrange.

Also surviving are a sister and her husband, Dawn and Scott Deak of Elkhart; a brother and his wife, Kevin and Marlena Marks of Redmond, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery at Warsaw.

Memorials are to the family or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Knox, 74, died Tuesday, May 31, 2001, at the home of her daughter Janet Kretler near Avilla.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Emily Johnson

LAGRANGE — Emily Johnson, 69, died Monday, May 30, 2011, at her home in LaGrange County.

Visitation will be today and Thursday from 4-9 p.m. both days at the Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville just off S.R. 3. Evening services will be held each night at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Harbor of Love Church.

Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Holy Family Episcopal Church, 909 S. Darling St., Angola, IN 46703.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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Barbara Palmerton

FREMONT — Barbara L. Palmerton, 79, of Fremont died Saturday, May 28, 2011, at her residence.

She was a retired receptionist at Cleveland Mobile Home, Angola, Ind.

She graduated from Fremont High School in 1949, and attended Indiana Business College. She was a former member of the Order of Eastern Star, Fremont.

Mrs. Palmerton enjoyed knitting and crocheting, baking and cooking, and her family and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On Dec. 23, 1931, she was born to George B. and Mary L. Foulk in Fort Wayne, Ind. She married Dean Palmerton in Angola on April 4, 1953. He survives in Fremont.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Doug Bressler, Fremont, and Lorie and Mark Knisely, Fremont;

a son, Denny and Patricia Palmerton, Fremont; seven grandchildren, Mandy Bressler, Breanna and Brandon Derrow, Perry Palmerton, Ryan Palmerton, Melanie and Tim Constantino, Robin and Sam Guagenti and Mitchell Knisely; and three great-grandchildren, Zach, Maximus and Andrew.

Her parents, her stepmother Iva Foulk and her stepbrother John Eastes preceded her in death.

A private graveside service will be held at Ray-Covenant Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneral-home.com.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

William Elworthy Jr.

ASHLEY — William George Elworthy Jr., 86, died Nov. 17, 2010, in Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Elworthy retired from Bohn Aluminum in Butler.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., on Nov. 8, 1924, to William George Elworthy Sr. and Olivia (Zurbrugg) Elworthy.

Surviving are a son, Morgan Elworthy of Ocala, Fla.; two daughters, Carol (Johnnie) Wells of Waterloo and Angie (Brian) Johnson of Auburn; a brother, Richard Elworthy of Ashley; a sister, Phylliss Bush of New Hampshire; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

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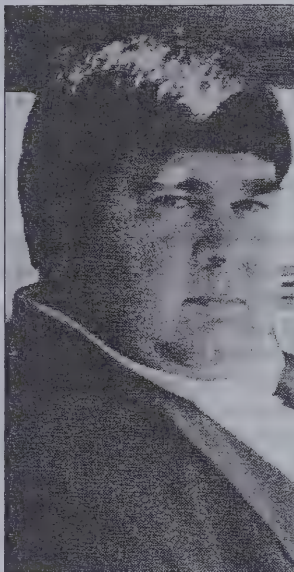
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Raymond C. Weber, 61



Raymond C Weber, 61 of Lake Barbara in Albion, died on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 5:30 A.M. at his home. Mr. Weber had been in declining health for the last 3 years.

He was born on June 5, 1949 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and was the son of Calvin R. and Barbara Jean (Asher) Weber. A lifetime Albion resident, he graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1967, and on June 3, 1972 he married Lynda Kratchman at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. She survives in Albion.



Mr. Weber was a self-employed land surveyor and engineer and owned Weber LS & C in Albion. He and his wife also owned ALL Metal Manufacturing in Ligonier. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, and he graduated from the United States Merchant Marines Academy in 1971. He was a member and Past President of the Ligonier Rotary Club and was also a member of the Albion American Legion Post 242.

He enjoyed many things in his life, some of them include fishing, sailing, tractors, hunting and traveling the world. Most of all he loved watching his grandchildren play sports.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jaime and Barry Mooney of Albion; and a son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Kara Weber of Albion; grandchildren, Kaleb and Connor Mooney, and Cade and Keaton Weber. Also surviving are a brother and his wife, Leslie A. and Emily Weber of Fort Wayne; and a sister and her husband, Elizabeth "Lib" and Brent McDowell of rural Avilla.

His parents preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Merriam Christian Chapel. The Rev. Terry Zolman officiated.

Cremation followed. Burial of ashes will take place privately at a later date at the Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Merriam Christian Chapel or Gideons International. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Karen Lynn Wirick, 69

Karen Lynn Wirick, age 69, of Wawaka died on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at her home.

Mrs. Wirick was born in Kendallville on February 11, 1942 to the late Homer and Berniece (Woodruff) Moody.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1960.

She married Jack Wirick on June 9, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Karen was employed at Kraft Foods before becoming a full-time homemaker and mother.

In the 1980s she returned to work at Seamco in Kendallville. Later she worked at Acadia Polymers, now Parker-Hannifin, in Ligonier. Karen retired in 2009 after 20 years of employment.

Karen enjoyed crafts of all types. She was particularly skilled with crochet work and was keen at solving both jigsaw and word puzzles. She enjoyed games of all types; playing Yahtzee with family and friends, computer and video games, and more recently Facebook games.

While she was quiet and reserved in most situations, Karen enjoyed rock 'n' roll music and dancing. She leaves behind a CD collection that attests to her passion for music. She enjoyed social gatherings where she could sit and watch people interact and have one-on-one conversations with others. She frequently attended Halloween parties at the home of her daughter and son-in-law where she enjoyed seeing the costumes on other guests.

Karen spent time watching movies at home, particularly Elvis Presley movies, B-movies and horror films. She was a great fan of the Dark Shadows television series from the 1960s. She rarely missed the opportunity to watch the 1970s classic, Jaws.

Despite her love of darker films, she also had a soft spot for all types of animals and in addition to keeping pets at home she spent time at zoos whenever she could.

Zoos topped her list of travel destinations. In her later years she took day trips to Chicago where she visited the Art Institute, the Field Museum of Natural History and Chinatown.

Above all, family remained important to Karen. Thanksgiving and Christmas were her favorite holidays. She always looked forward to a traditional meal with family and time together afterwards. Karen was known for her skill at baking, making desserts and homemade candies. Her favorite family recipes were well-guarded secrets, and she enjoyed passing the time reading, cookouts, and magazines to find new recipes.

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Survivors include sons, Kris Wirick of Kendallville, and Jeff Wirick of Wawaka; daughter, Mandy and Nik Havert of Nappanee; sisters, Joann and Bill Kovets of LaOtto, Bette and Gus Campbell of LaOtto, and Sharon Svoboda of Avilla; brother, Mike and Louise Rodman of Kendallville; father of her children, Jack Wirick of Syracuse.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 28, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor James Barnes.

Burial will be at Cosperville Cemetery in Wawaka.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview-Noble Hospice and Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Casketbearers were Jeff Wirick, Nik Havert, Rocky Blaskie, Lynn Lash, Heath Smith and Brian Ernsberger.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Phyllis J. Loughner, 87

Phyllis J. Loughner, age 87, of Ligonier passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier at 6:46 AM. She was born on August 3, 1923 to Edgar & Mildred (Babcock) Martin in Elkhart County.

She married John Beckner, who preceded her in death. On August 8, 1988 she married Jerry Loughner, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Loughner was a lifetime area resident. She worked at Dari Point in Ligonier and other restaurants over the years. She was also a member of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by a son, Steve Troup of Ward, AR; three grandchildren, Stephanie, Craig and Bill; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Juanita Haines. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Rea Lynn Martin.

Phyllis was laid to rest in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, IN. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Jean Barber Fox, 88



Jean Barber Fox, age 88, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Fox was born in Rome City, Indiana on September 18, 1922 to the late Brent L. Fox, Sr. and Mildred (Watkins) Fox.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1940 and entered the United States Army Air Corps during WWII.

He attained the rank of Staff Sgt. and proudly served his country from 1942 to 1946.

He married Phyllis Jean Fox on February 20, 1946 in Kendallville. Jean preceded his death on March 7, 2010.

Jean retired from Flint & Walling in Kendallville in 1987 after 19 years of service. He was the manager of the customer service department.

In 1976, under Sheriff John Stoner, Jean helped organize the Noble County Sheriff Department Reserves.

He became a Reserve Officer and Special Deputy until he retired in December 2006 after 31 years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 86 and V.F.W. Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Jean enjoyed golf and ice fishing.

Survivors include daughters, Linda and Dean DeGroff of Kendallville, Stacy and John Cochard of Kendallville; daughter-in-law, Laura Fox of Missoula, Montana; grandchildren, Douglas and Rebecca DeGroff of Kendallville; Alan Fox of Missoula, Montana; Audrey and Brian Paul of Wolf Lake, Emily Cochard of Kendallville, and Justin Cochard of Kendallville; five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Dan Fox, PhD who died on March 20, 1999; his brother, Brent L. Fox, Jr.; and his sister, Patricia Spencer.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Robert Farmer. Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Military graveside honors were conducted by the V.F.W. Post #2749, Kendallville and American Legion Post #381, Rome City honor guards as well as active duty troops from the Army National Guard.



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Casketbearers were John Cochard, Dean DeGroff, Brian Paul, Doug DeGroff, and honorary bearers are Dwight Galimore, Jerry Cochran, and Sonny Rinehart, and Larry McGahen.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Sheriff's Department Reserves.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

To Our Friends in the Albion Community

We wish to offer our heart-felt thanks to our friends for the many gestures of love and encouragement that we have received during the past five months as Bonnie waged her fight against cancer. While we miss her very much, we are comforted by the confidence that she is now in Heaven in the presence of our Savior Jesus Christ, and will never again experience the pain and sadness that is part of our earthly journey. We will forever remember and be humbled by the blessings we received from you, and feel gratitude to live in such a wonderful community.

George, Daniel, Matthew and Jessica Bennett

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Bonnie R. Grawcock, 91

Bonnie R. Grawcock, age 91, of Auburn, IN and formerly of LaOtto, IN died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2011 at Chandler House - Kendallville, IN. She was born September 3, 1919 in Ada, MN to Charles M. and Ruth (Vraa) Gorrell and they preceded her in death. She married Albert J. Grawcock on November 8, 1941 in LaOtto, IN and he survives in Kendallville, IN. Bonnie was a teacher's aide at Alliance Industries for 23 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, IN and was a member of the ladies aide at the church and the Swanette Homemaker's club.



Bonnie is survived by her husband, Albert J. Grawcock, Kendallville, IN; three sons, Jim (Kathy) Grawcock, LaOtto, IN, John (Betty) Grawcock, Ligonier, IN, and Leslie (Renee) Grawcock, Auburn, IN. She is survived by a daughter, Ruthann (Mike) Hervey, Wasilla, AK; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles M. and Ruth Gorrell; and a brother, Bob Gorrell.

Services were held Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Thomas Funeral Home.

Burial followed in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett, IN.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, IN.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Annabelle M. Perkins, 76

Annabelle M. Perkins, 76, formerly of Pierceton, died at 6:26 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at The Oaks Living Center.

She was born December 15, 1934 in South Whitley, Indiana a daughter of Leroy and Cora (Sroufe) Baker. Her formative years were spent in Whitley County. She graduated from Larwill High School and Ravenscroft Beauty College.

On December 17, 1955 she was united in marriage to Marlin G. "Pete" Perkins. They made their first home in Warsaw. They resided in Ohio, Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Colorado before returning to Indiana in 1980. In April 1985 they moved to Pierceton. Mr. Perkins died August 22, 1998.

A beautician, she worked at Mary Pace Beauty Salon in Fort Wayne for three years, Fibre Form for five years and Essex for 10 years, retiring in May 1997.

She was a member of V.F.W. Post #5582 Auxiliary.

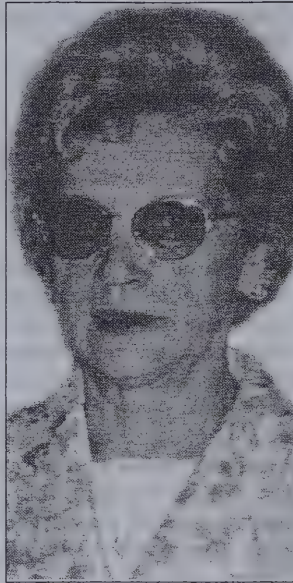
Surviving relatives include six daughters, Debra (Darrell) Byrum of Warsaw, Sandra (Bob) Lane of Churubusco, Cindy Honaker of Columbia City, Penny (John) Santora of Berea OH, Rebecca (Don) Middaugh of North Baltimore OH and Lori Pulley of Albion; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and her faithful canine companion, Bandit.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister, Harold Baker, Ralph Baker and Helen Eberhard.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at New Hope Wesleyan Church, 971 N 400 W, Columbia City. The burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or New Hope Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.



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Belinda Sue Beiswanger, 55

Belinda Sue (Bryant) Beiswanger, 55, of Kendallville went on to heaven from her home Thursday, May 26, 2011, after an 8 month battle with cancer.

She was born July 6, 1955, in Wabash to G. Wendell and Edna Bryant. She graduated from Whitko High School in 1973 and Purdue University in 1977 with a degree in education. She then completed her Master of Education from Indiana University. She used her talents to invest in the lives of children as an elementary school teacher for 22 years, teaching for the past 12 years at Wayne Center in Kendallville and previously at Wolf Lake and schools in Whitley County.

Belinda married Lee T. Beiswanger at the North Winona Church of the Brethren in Warsaw on July 7, 1984.

Belinda was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ for 27 years, where she played piano and was in-

involved in many ways. One of her joys was to travel with her friends and family. Some of her favorite trips took her to Switzerland, Hawaii, Florida, Yellowstone, and all over the country on the motorcycle with her husband.

She enjoyed spending time with her family playing games and watching movies, reading, and playing the piano.

Belinda will be remembered for her sweet spirit and attitude of goodness and kindness to all she encountered. Her joy encouraged her family and friends, and her laugh was known to be heard from the other side of the hallway at school. Her love for the Lord was prominent in the way she lived her life.

Belinda is survived by her husband, Lee; her daughter, Kelly; and her son, Benjamin, all of Kendallville; her mother, Edna Bryant of Pierceton; her brother Bruce (Lisa) Bryant of Kokomo; her sister Angie (Mark) Green of Zionsville; her brother Jim (Susan) Bryant of Libertyville, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews. Her father preceded her in death in 2005.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 31 at South Milford Church of Christ with Brian Walter, Gil Alicea, Jim Mertz, and Kristian Jarrett officiating.

Burial followed at Lake-view Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to South Milford Church of Christ, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, or Heifer International.

Pallbearers were Andrew Bryant, Justin Bryant, Travis Bryant, Chris Bryant, Alex Green, Thomas Beiswanger, and Austin Beiswanger.

Send a condolence online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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LaDonna Schroeder

LIGONIER — LaDonna (Ness) Schroeder, age 71, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at 3:15 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.



**Mrs.
Schroeder**

She was born on February 7, 1940, in Whitley County to Edward Peter and Florence (Harkenrider) Ness. On February 23, 1963, she married Alva Eugene Schroeder. He preceded her in death on February 28, 1989.

Mrs. Schroeder was a lifetime area resident and graduated from Larwill High School.

She worked for Freudenberg in Ligonier, as a nurse's aide at Strawberry Village Nursing Home in Ligonier, Greencroft Nursing Home in Goshen, Creps Bakery, catered for Archer Auctions and Jake Bitner Auctions, and clerked at Shipshewana Auction.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier where she was involved with the Rosary Sodality and taught Sunday school. Other activities included: the Lady Bug Extension Homemakers in Noble County, Hannah & Hildred Hat Show, 4-H leader in Noble and Whitley counties, and was a previous member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City.

Mrs. Schroeder also enjoyed sewing, gardening, baking and square dancing.

Survivors include three daughters, Tammy (Keith) Helfers of Syracuse, Polly (George) Beasley of Millersburg, and Abby Schroeder of Ligonier; three sons, Matt (Amy) Schroeder of Kimmell, Jeremiah Schroeder of Kendallville, Nathan (Denise) Schroeder of Syracuse; 14 grandchildren; and one sister, Ardella (Bernie) Reust of Huntington.

She was preceded by her husband; parents; two brothers, Lloyd Ness of Cromwell and Gene (Marge) Ness of Columbia City; and one grandchild, Elizabeth Schroeder.

A funeral Mass will be held in Mrs. Schroeder's honor on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 300 Ravine Park Drive, Ligonier, Ind., with Father Wilson Corzo officiating. Interment will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 3, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier. A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. following the visitation.

Memorial contributions are to Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, 922 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46617 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Carol Tilbury

HUDSON — Carol A. Tilbury, 76, of Hudson died Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at 12:40 a.m. at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict.

Mrs. Tilbury was a member of American Legion Post #423 in Orland.

She was also a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church and the Plato United Methodist Church.

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 12, 1935, to Harry E. and Evelyn M. (Hollenbeck) Fultz. She married Ervin E. Tilbury Sr. on April 10, 1955, in Salem Center. He died on April 30, 2003.

Surviving are three sons, Ervin E. (Gene) Tilbury Jr. of Austin, Texas, and Richard M. Tilbury and Robert A. Tilbury, both of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen (James) Humphrey of Fort Wayne and Cindy (Glen) Hawkes of Huston, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard (Marie) Fultz of Waynedale, Ind.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Weidner of Fort Wayne, Margaret (Charles) Reid of Antwerp, Ohio, and Janet (Randy) Hand of Seattle, Wash.; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Mary Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Ellen Knox, age 74, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at her daughter Janet's home near Avilla.



Mrs. Knox

Mrs. Knox was born in Kendallville on April 17, 1937, to the late Lawrence "Bob" Hiram Mapes and Martha Anna (McCreary) Mapes.

She married Ernest Knox Sr. on October 30, 1954, in Angola, Indiana, and he preceded her death on June 25, 2007.

Mary was a dedicated mother and homemaker. For a few years she was a nurse's aide at the old Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

Mary loved spending time with her family. She loved the outdoors, listening to her wind chimes, taking pictures, and making photo albums. Mary enjoyed sewing and quilting, and cooking for Sunday family dinners.

She loved going for rides in the car, attending area festivals and museums, working word search puzzles, and setting on the porch swing, talking with her neighbors, family and friends.

Survivors include five sons, Ernest Knox Jr. of Kendallville, John Knox of South Milford, Jack and Julie Knox of Mt. Olive, North Carolina, Jay and Tammie Knox of Kendallville, and Joseph Knox of Auburn; three daughters, Judi and Ron Witham of LaGrange, Janet and Joseph Kretler of Avilla and Janel and Brian Childers of Avilla;

18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Phyllis Mapes of Kendallville, Nancy Knox of Kendallville, Doris Christlieb of Kendallville,

Sister, Sally Mapes of Hudson, Susan and Dan Wierich of Huntertown and Karen and Dick Bell of Churubusco; and five brothers, Robert and Marcella Mapes of Waxahachie, Texas, Kenneth and Alleen Mapes of Rome City, Lawrence Mapes of Fort Wayne, Dennis and Hazel Mapes of Kendallville and Gale and Marsha Mapes of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by her son, James Knox, who passed away in 1986; and her granddaughter, Cassandra Knox, who died in 1989.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, June 2, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 3, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Gale Mapes.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Casketbearers will be her grandchildren.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Mary by today at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rachel Bair

AUBURN — Memorial services for Rachel Rebecca (Collins) Bair, 101, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Auburn Methodist Church in Auburn.



Mrs. Bair

Mrs. Bair died Sunday, April 24, 2011, in Lansing, Mich. She was a longtime Auburn resident.

She received her teaching degree from Manchester College and later graduated from the University of Saint Francis with a master's degree in education. She was a teacher for more than 30 years. She taught in Orland, Ind., and Auburn Ind., at the DeKalb County Central United School District, where she was a pioneer in special education.

She was born May 21, 1909, in White Pigeon, Mich., to Albert and Eva (Cleveland) Collins. She married Orval Bair on May 17, 1935. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Norma (Jerry) Hampton of Eaton Rapids and Natalie (Rev. C. Jarrell) Tyson of Mountain Home, Ark.; six grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Burdette Bair; sisters, Floiad Collins Carlisle, Lois Carlisle and Genelle Collins; and brothers Russell Collins, Cleveland "Eddie" Collins and Albertus Collins.

Graveside services were held April 27, 2011, at Circle Cemetery at Hudson, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706, or Easter Seals, 233 S. Wacker Dr. Chicago, IL 60606.

Margie Watson

FREMONT — Margie Ruth Elam Watson of Fremont died Monday, May 30, 2011.

Mrs. Watson and her husband Michael owned

Arkwright's TV & Furniture stores in Angola, Fremont and Butler, Ind., Wauseon Ohio, Sturgis, Mich., and Colville and Chewelah, Wash. She had also worked at Hidden Valley Golf Course.

She graduated from Logan Senior High School in Logan, W.Va., and from Ivy Technical College in Fort Wayne with a degree in accounting and business management.

Mrs. Watson was born Dec. 1, 1942, in Hen Lawson, W. Va.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years Michael Edward Watson of Fremont; her children, Tony and Candi Hubbard of Angola, Tim Hubbard of Angola, Darrell and Sharon Watson of Fort Wayne, Anna and Jeff Hoyer of Angola, and Jackie and Rick Nance of Colville, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Shirley Elam Damron of Dallas, Texas, Simms Edward Elam of Fort Wayne, Shelly Elam Conley of Wentzville, Mo., Larry William Elam of Fort Wayne, Carol Sue Elam Hernandez of Angola and Judy Elam Stevens of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Jane Murray of Chicago; her father, William Garrett Elam of Fort Wayne; and her sibling, Kelly Monroel Elam.



Mrs. Watson

Lois Sassanella

HUDSON — Lois L. Sassanella, 76, of Hudson died at 3:42 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at her home after a 9 month illness of cancer.

She was born in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, on December 3, 1934, to Donald and Esther (Harpham) Swift.

She was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School in 1953.



Mrs. Sassanella

She was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church, Ashley O.E.S. #229, Steuben County Extension Homemakers and Ashley-Hudson Chamber of Commerce.

She was a child care provider in Hudson for 30 years.

She married Jack D. Sassanella on August 22, 1953, and he died on November 4, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Micheal D. Sassanella of Hudson and David J. Sassanella of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Joyce and Robert Harris of Fremont and Debbie Sassanella of Firestone, Colorado; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Marie Swift of Elkhart; a sister, Wanda Lee Campbell of Detroit, Michigan; five grandchildren, David Pentico, Jeremy Sassanella, Joshua Sassanella, Justin Sassanella and Jonathon Sassanella; three great-grandchildren, Jordan Sassanella, Jack Sassanella and Jillian Sassanella; and two stepgrandchildren, Lucas Harris and Alex Harris.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hudson United Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Wadkins and the Rev. Connie Sassanella officiating.

Friends may call at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson on Friday from 4-8 p.m. with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association, or Steuben County Humane Society. Condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Fremont Moose Lodge, 1665 E. S. R. 120, Fremont, followed by sharing of love and memories with family and friends until 3 p.m.

Graveside committal services will be at 4 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery in Garrett, Ind., corner of South Hamsher Street and West McHenry Street. Both services will be officiated by Pastor Sam Hoffman. Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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Bertha Teegardin

KENDALLVILLE — Bertha Bernice Teegardin, age 89, formerly of Avilla and Kendallville, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2011, at The Hearth at Windermere, Fishers, Indiana, where she resided the past 4 years.



**Mrs.
Teegardin**

Mrs. Teegardin was born in Avilla, Indiana, on February 19, 1922, to the late Elmer and Ida May (Koons) Wells.

She married Cecil Ernest Teegardin on October 7, 1939, in Garrett, Indiana. Together they made their home on Bertha's family farm. He preceded her death on January 24, 1990.

Mrs. Teegardin was employed by the East Noble School Corporation and worked in the Avilla School cafeteria for 21 years before she retired in 1991.

Bertha's interests included cooking, gardening and spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter. She loved her family, always putting them first, and she often looked to help those in need.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Julie Ann and Scott Lentz of Fishers, Indiana; her granddaughter, Megan Lentz also of Fishers; a niece, Judy Helmkamp of Avilla; two nephews, Richard Wells of Kendallville and Jerry Wells of Westfield, Indiana; and her special caregiver, Tracy Baker.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Dale Wells.

Mary Ulrey

LIGONIER — Mary C. Ulrey, 102, of Ligonier died Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Greencroft Nursing Home in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Rhonna McCauley

KENDALLVILLE — Rhonna McCauley, 76, of Kendallville died on Monday, May 30, 2011, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

There will be no services. Cremation will take place.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be Friday, June 3, 2011, from 7-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Mr. Thomas Novy.

Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Avilla.

Preferred memorials may be made to The Hearth at Windermere, Keepsake Village, 9745 Olympia Drive, Fishers, IN 46037.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Bertha at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sandra Mafera

LEESBURG — Sandra L. "Sandy" Mafera, 71, of Leesburg and formerly of Auburn died Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at IU Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

No visitation is planned. Private family services will take place at Owen Family Funeral Home in North Webster.

Memorials are to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 825, North Webster, IN 46555.

Delbert Washler

BUTLER — Delbert C. Washler, 86, died Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at his home in rural Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Newville Church of Christ, 5107 C.R. 75A, Butler, with calling from 10-1 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Newville.

Calling will also be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to Lake James Christian Assembly, Milligan College, or DeKalb Home Health and Hospice.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Emily Johnson

LAGRANGE — Emily Lee (Bolen) Johnson, age 69, of LaGrange County, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2011, at her home.



Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson was born in Rock Fork, Kentucky, on June 9, 1941, to the late Granville and Ogie (Handshoe) Bolen.

She married Robert Lee Johnson on April 3, 1958, in Hindman, Kentucky, and he preceded her death on October 22, 2009.

Emily worked many years at factories around the area, as well as at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville.

Emily enjoyed raising a garden in the summer, crocheting and sewing, and tending to her flower gardens.

She loved spending time with her family, grandkids and children. She loved fishing and going "junkin'."

Emily was a loving person and kind to others. She was known to take in people that were down on their luck with no place to stay. She would feed them and house them until they got back on their feet.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda and Wilford Slone of Kendallville, Wanda and Rev. Charles Mosley of Kendallville, Tammy Childers and Kelly Martin of LaGrange and Evon and Danny Gilbert of Henryville, Indiana; 13 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Bonnie and Roy Collins of Kendallville, Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell,

Barbara Halbakken of Ligonier, Connie and Lonnie Messer of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Ronnie and Lisa Bolen of LaGrange and Gary and Sandy Bolen of Rome City.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Roger L. Johnson who died in July 30, 1995, and her brothers, Madge, Don and Kenny Bolen.

Visitation will be today from 4-9 p.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church, S.R. 3 at Lisbon Road south of Kendallville. There will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 3, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Officiating the services will be the Rev. Charles Mosley, the Rev. Willie Collins, and the Rev. Oley Smith.

Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Casketbearers will be Gary Bolen, Ronnie Bolen, Brandon Slone, Timmy Collins, B.J. Mosley, Billy Mosley and Derek Johnson.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Emily at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Sally Short

ROME CITY — Sally Short, age 86, of Rome City, died on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Short was born in Leburn, Kentucky, on June 7, 1924, to the late Green Slone and Polly Ann (Slone) Slone.

She married John Short on November 13, 1939, in Hindman, Kentucky, and he preceded her in death August 8, 1990.

Sally was a homemaker and employed with No-Sag in Kendallville and Starcraft in Emma.

She was a member of the The House of Prayer in Kendallville.

Sally loved to fish, especially river fishing. She enjoyed gardening in her younger days and she loved raising her flower gardens. She crocheted and made quilts and loved reading her Bible and other Christian books.

Sally was very much loved by her family and friends at church.

Survivors include five daughters, Beverly and Manis Sparkman of Rome City, Josephine and Kenneth Johnson of Kendallville,

Mary Ann and Jesse Handshoe of Kendallville, Charlene and Colson Sizemore of Kendallville and Debra and Fred Kline of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and her two special nieces, Brenda Ritchie of Wolcottville and Janice Baker of Kendallville, whom she helped raise when their mother (her sister, Olive) died at an early age.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Glenn Sparkman, who passed away on August 6, 2006; her brothers, Allen, Russell, Nokomis, Gilbert and Elbert Slone; and her sisters, Lourinda Hall, Arizona Cornett, and Olive Slone.

Visitation will be Friday,

June 3, 2011, from after 3 p.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church on State Road 9 north of Wolcottville. Evening services will be held at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Billy Smith officiating.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Margaret Lung

GARRETT — Margaret M. Lung, age 92, of Garrett, Ind., died Thursday, June 2, at 7:58 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, Ind.

Margaret was born October 13, 1918, in Garrett, Ind., to Paul and Rosina Muzzillo and they preceded her in death. Margaret married Ford R. Lung on April 21, 1945, in Garrett. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Margaret was a homemaker most of her life and was known in the community as a seamstress who could fix or mend any item that was brought to her for mending.

In her younger days she worked at her father's tavern, known to many as Martin's in downtown Garrett. She also worked at Electric Specialty Motors in the late 1960s.

Margaret was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Rosary Society, and Harvest House.

Surviving are Margaret's children: Robert (Mary) Lung of Auburn, Ind., Tina (Steve) Baker of Aiken, S.C., and Gerald (Trinita) Lung of Fort Wayne, Ind. Margaret also is survived by four grandchildren, Erin (Rodney) Edgar of Raleigh, N.C., Matthew (Christy) Lung of Spencerville, Ind., Jenna Lung of Denver, Colo., and Jared Lung of Fort Wayne. Four great-grandchildren, Jackson, Carter, Sophia and Annabelle Lung, all of Spencerville, Ind., also survive.



Mrs. Lung

Two brothers, Norbert Muzzillo of Avilla and Bernard Muzzillo of Winona Lake, and a sister, Theresa Whitcraft of Winona Lake, also survive.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and also from 9-10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

A rosary service will take place at 8 p.m. Sunday evening at Thomas Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, Ind., with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett, Ind.

Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, Masses or Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Edward Elkins

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio — Edward Orie Elkins, 80, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Knox Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Elkins was a retired truck driver.

He was born May 11, 1931, in Gilead, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice L. Elkins of Mount Vernon; a

son, Dwayne Elkins of Auburn; two daughters, Dinah

Speakman of Kendallville and Tammy Elkins of Fort Wayne; three

grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ivory I. Wann.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Thomas Neddersen officiating.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book or to send a sympathy note, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.



Mr. Elkins

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Delbert Washler

BUTLER — Delbert C. Washler, 86, a loving, devoted husband and father, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at his home in rural Butler.

Mr. Washler was a truck farmer for most of his life selling produce to different stores in the area and at the South Side Market and also the Barr Street Market in Fort Wayne. He also was a truck driver for Roadway Trucking for 14 years, retiring in 1992.



Mr. Washler

He was a graduate of Butler High School, class of 1942.

He was a member, elder, and past Sunday school teacher at the Newville Church of Christ.

Mr. Washler also served on the DeKalb Eastern School Board.

He was born June 19, 1924, in Butler to Cleveland H. and Lillian B. (Weisz) Washler.

He married Marjorie Lott on April 9, 1944, in the Newville Church of Christ. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judith Ann and Roger Moughler of Butler, Nancy and John Scoville of Butler, and Ann Washler of Chatsworth, Calif.; two sons, Scott Washler of Bryan, Ohio, and Brian Washler of Butler; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter, Barbara Washler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Newville Church of Christ, 5107 C.R. 75A, Butler, with calling from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service at the church. John Amstutz, Dale Rabineau and Brian Wilcox will be officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Newville.

Calling will also be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to Lake James Christian Assembly, Milligan College, or DeKalb Home Health and Hospice.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Catherine Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Catherine "Cathy" Bontrager, 67, of Middlebury died Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital, Goshen, from heart failure.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in the Episcopal Cemetery, Bristol.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Regal

ANGOLA — Graveside inurnment services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola for Thomas Milton "Tom" Flegal.

Mr. Flegal died Dec. 11, 2010, in Eugene, Ore.

A reception will follow the ceremony at the Angola American Legion Post, 1760 W. Maumee St.

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Leroy Lawson

CHURUBUSCO —

Leroy Lawson, 85, a resident of Churubusco, passed away at 3:45 a. m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at his home. He had been in failing health since April, and had returned home two days ago after being hospitalized.

Mr. Lawson was born in Wolf Lake on May 11, 1926, a son of Homer and Blanche (Reed) Lawson, and spent his formative years in Noble County. As a young man he served with the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II, and was a war hero. Following his military discharge, he was married to Ruth L. Schroeder on December 26, 1947. He was then engaged in farming, and was also a sheet metal worker.

He lived in South Milford for a portion of his adult life. He retired in 1988 as a construction foreman for Hagerman Construction, and was involved in many major building projects throughout Fort Wayne during his career. Following his retirement he enjoyed traveling throughout the continental United States and beyond.

He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and the Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846. He was also a member of the First Marine Division,



Mr. Lawson

and was proud to be a part of the Cherokee Nation Northern Tsalagi tribe in West Virginia.

His first wife preceded him in death on October 1, 1981. On November 13, 1983, he was married to Betty J. (Walker) McClure. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Corrine Caulfield of Sarasota, Fla., Roy Lee (Cheri) Lawson of Auburn, Betty (Bill) Bridge of Kendallville, Gale (Michael) Kissinger of West, Texas, Joan (Creager) Smith of Fort Wayne, and Jay (Deb) Lawson of Kalamazoo, Mich; eight stepchildren, June Houlton of Auburn, Linda (Duane) Barth of Columbia City, Beverly (Joe) Gray of Archbold, Ohio, David McClure of Columbia City, Aaron (Cyndi) McClure of Churubusco, Wanda Van Horn of Auburn, and Carol Butler and Gloria Hughnett, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister Geneva Wagner of Kendallville. There are 30 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a stepson, Alden Ray "Sonny" McClure; a brother, Forrest Lawson; a sister, Odra Bailey; and by two grandsons, Jeremy Ray Hoffman and Jeffery Everage.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. on Monday, June 6, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m., or one hour prior to the service.

Interment with military graveside rites will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Sonny McClure Scholarship Fund for Churubusco High School.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Lawson's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Sandra Mafera

NORTH WEBSTER — Sandra Lee Mafera has exited the early boardroom. She is making her way to the Pearly Gates and once there will reorganize the entire place. She was born to Frank and Marian (Knoll) Rauschenbach on November 24, 1939, the day after the presidential proclamation, "Thanksgiving will henceforth be celebrated the 4th Thursday of November."

At age 2, her imaginary friend Baggio had to meet certain requirements to be allowed in the play kitchen behind the cook stove of the farmhouse on Moon Road in LaPorte, Indiana.

In grade school, she spent time in the cloakroom in Madrid, New Mexico, because she corrected the teacher for not giving her a test. By high school, she was voted by her classmates "the person who could best represent the school at meetings." At Indiana University, she was elected a member of the dorm disciplinary board.

She married Stephen J. Mafera on Independence Day, 1962, in Westwood, MA. He survives, but just barely.

She headed a group organized to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Medway, Massachusetts. Her children, Stephen Anthony and Stephanie Francesca, grew accustomed to having their mom as a substitute teacher and president of the PTA. Her efforts lead the city to put in a sidewalk to keep the kids safe on the way to East Auburn Elementary.

As president of the Welcome Wagon Club, she met many women who were new to the community. She saw the need for an organization where these women could learn of volunteer opportunities and create life long friendships. She started a club for women, Nur Fur Uns, meaning Just For Us. It was built upon the premise that when women volunteer there should be a club where they can have time for their own interests. She wrote the by-laws, the installation service and was president four times.

She served on the Cable Commission for Auburn to determine if Cable Television was a good idea. Her position at WIFF Radio as news reporter and host to Point of Interest talk show put her in touch with many of the community's most interesting people. She was appointed to the Auburn City Plan Commission and pushed for expanded city limits, fighting those who thought "there be dragons" beyond the I-69 corridor.

One of her proudest accomplishments was the purchase of the Baptist Church to be offered new life as a Senior Center. Her husband, upon hearing that she bid \$30,000 for the dilapidated building stated, "Now you have your own pulpit!" She was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church so maybe he was right!

She took to fund raising and refurbishing the 1864 building with a passion. Government grants, public speeches and watching the Heimach Senior Center grow was most rewarding. Outspoken about meals on wheels, she formed a committee that got rid of the Styrofoam boxes and provided aluminum

containers that could be reheated. She barked at the nutrition director when the meals looked all one color. It nearly cost her job, but seniors were soon provided much more appetizing dishes.

After the Heimach Center was running somewhat smoothly, she moved on to the Chamber of Commerce and United Way. The Quacker 500, a duck race down Cedar Creek, and Dickens of a Day were programs she created for fun. As a member of the Auburn Improvement Association she assisted Ball State University in listing places of historical significance and getting the downtown listed on the Registry of Historic Places.

Raising money for social services in the county was exactly what she loved to do. Of course, she had to help each agency bone up on their by-laws and statement of purpose.

She created ANEW, Auburn Network of Enterprising Women. They often met at the Hoopus House Bed and Breakfast that she owned and operated. It was often noted that she had a love affair with Auburn.

Then the move to Sawmill Lake and a whole new world to be structured. As executive director of the United Way of Kosciusko County, she found she had to reorganize the application process. A graduate of KLA, Kosciusko Leadership Academy was possibly the one place that didn't need organizing.

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The birth of her granddaughters, Jessica, Natalie and Anna, brought about a mellowness in her organizational skills. She much preferred organizing tea parties and birthday celebrations.

As director of the yet to be developed North Webster Community Center she took to organizing board meetings, applying for grants and keeping records. Once an adequate amount of money had been raised, she turned to organizing the Senior Center with 501-c-3 tax exemption and by-laws. Then granddaughter number four, Emilia, was born.

Time to really put away the organizational part and just cuddle her beautiful blessings.

An avid genealogist, she was part of the Glean Team who transcribed the North Webster Cemetery and applied for a grant to get it published. When the call went out for Friends of the Library, she again made sure of the tax-exempt status, rewrote the by-laws and served as president.

So look out residents beyond the gates, she is on her way. Make sure you are well organized.

Private family services will be held at Owen Family Funeral Home in North Webster.

Memorial bequests may be given to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 825, North Webster, IN 46555.

To send condolences to the family in Mrs. Mafera's memory, please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Sally Short

ROME CITY — Sally Short, age 86, of Rome City, died on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Short was born in Leburn, Kentucky, on June 7, 1924, to the late Green Slone and Polly Ann (Slone) Slone.

She married John Short on November 13, 1939, in Hindman, Kentucky, and he preceded her in death August 8, 1990.

Sally was a homemaker and employed with No-Sag in Kendallville and Starcraft in Emma.

She was a member of the The House of Prayer in Kendallville.

Sally loved to fish, especially river fishing. She enjoyed gardening in her younger days and she loved raising her flower gardens. She crocheted and made quilts and loved reading her Bible and other Christian books.



Mrs. Short

Sally was very much loved by her family and friends at church.

Survivors include five daughters, Beverly and Manis Sparkman of Rome City, Josephine and Kenneth Johnson of Kendallville,

Mary Ann and Jesse Handshoe of Kendallville, Sharlene and Colson Sizemore of Kendallville and Debra and Fred Kline of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and her two special nieces, Brenda Ritchie of Wolcottville and Janice Baker of Kendallville, whom she helped raise when their mother (her sister, Olive) died at an early age.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Ima Jean Marshall; her grandson, Glenn Sparkman, who passed away on August 6, 2006; her brothers, Allen, Russell, Nokomis, Gilbert and Elbert Slone; and her sisters, Lourinda Hall, Arizona Cornett, and Olive Slone.

Visitation will be today, Friday, June 3, 2011, from after 3 p.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church on State Road 9 north of

Wolcottville. Evening services will be held at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Billy Smith officiating.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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John Stevenson

ANGOLA — John Stevenson, 78, of Angola, Indiana, and Sanibel Island, Florida, died Wednesday, June 1, 2011. John died peacefully at home with his family at his side.

He was born November 3, 1932, in Elyria, Ohio, to the late

Archibald H. and Beatrice M.

(Boteler) Stevenson.

He married

Devera Ann

Moore on November 26, 1955, and she preceded him in death on February 24, 2000. His daughter, Nancy Stevenson Barrett, also preceded him in death on August 25, 2005. He married Colleen "Kelly" Wade Erickson on August 31, 2002, and she survives.

John enjoyed lake and water activities his entire life, including racing sailboats on Lake Erie, living on Sanibel Island in the winter, and family gatherings at the lake. He always loved being with his large family and many friends. He enjoyed golf, travel, playing cards, and watching his children and grandchildren in sports and events.

A man of strong faith, he was an active parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Isabel (Sanibel Island).

He was a loving man that will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He earned a BS degree from General Motors Institute, and an MBA from Xavier University. He had a successful career in automotive and components manufacturing, working for General Motors, Federal-Mogul, Sheller Globe, and Kysor.



Mr. Stevenson

Verlin Reeve

KIMMELL — Verlin Lee Reeve, age 78, of Kimmell, Ind., passed away at his residence on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 5:15 a.m. following a brief battle with cancer.

Mr. Reeve was born on August 2, 1932, to Charles Weldon and Althea (Fausnaugh) Reeve.

Survivors include his wife Kelly; 13 children, Gerianne (Mark) Stohlquist of Chicago, Ill., Linda Stevenson of Elkhart, Ind., John Stevenson Jr of Lansing, Mich., Julie (Dave) DiMatteo of Hamburg, N.Y., Mike and Valencia Barrett of Coldwater, Mich., Kathy Bryan of Bethlehem, N.H., Laura (Tom) O'Brien of Lombard, Ill., David (Michelle) Stevenson of Elmhurst, Ill., Daniel (Dede) Stevenson of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Jeff (Christy) Stevenson of Omaha, N.E., Ron (Carrie) Erickson of New Era, Mich., Lora (Bill) Houseman of Rothbury, Mich., and Meredith (Tyson) Cobb of Muskegon, Mich. John has 42 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Visitation will be on Sunday, June 5, 2011, from 6-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with a prayer service at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Ind.

Memorial contributions are to St. Anthony of Padua Building Fund and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1953-55.

He was a lifetime area resident and retired from Behlen in Goshen after more than 30 years of service.

He is survived by six children, Connie (Tom) Stull of Goshen, Scott (Priscilla) Reeve of Wolf Lake, Robert (Teresa) Reeve of Kendallville, Brian (Judy) Reeve of Ligonier, Melinda (Troy) Compton of Kendallville, and Holli Pease of Avilla; 29 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Homer (Norma) Reeve of Kimmell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Arnold and Leland Reeve; and two sisters, Marlene Knox and Rose Ann Reeve.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Reeve's honor on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with Celebrant Larry Baker and Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating.

In accordance with Verlin's request, friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony in casual attire. "Just come as you are."

Interment will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind., where military honors will be conducted.

There will be a time of visitation on Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home and 1 hour prior to the funeral.

Memorial contributions are to Goshen Center for Cancer Care, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.



Mr. Reeve

Delbert Washler

BUTLER — Delbert C. Washler, 86, a loving, devoted husband and father, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at his home in rural Butler.

Mr. Washler was a truck farmer for most of his life selling

produce to different stores in the area and at the South Side Market and also the Barr Street Market in Fort Wayne.

He also was a truck driver for Roadway Trucking for 14 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a graduate of Butler High School, class of 1942.

He was a member, elder, and past Sunday school teacher at the Newville Church of Christ.

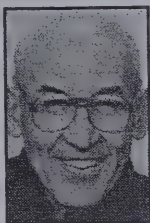
Mr. Washler also served on the DeKalb Eastern School Board.

He was born June 19, 1924, in Butler to Cleveland H. and Lillian B. (Weisz) Washler.

He married Marjorie Lott on April 9, 1944, in the Newville Church of Christ. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judith Ann and Roger Moughler of Butler, Nancy and John Scoville of Butler, and Ann Washler of Chatsworth, Calif.; two sons, Scott Washler of Bryan, Ohio, and Brian Washler of Butler; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter, Barbara Washler.



Mr. Washler

Delores Shull

AUBURN — Delores M. Shull, 83, of Auburn died Friday, June 3, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Shull worked as a nurses' aide for eight years at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and then for Ball Brass and Aluminum in Auburn for seven years.



Mrs. Shull

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn. She was also a member of the Women of the Moose in Auburn and held the degree of College of Regents, and the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 97 of Auburn.

She was born Oct. 15, 1927, in Richland Township in DeKalb County to Lawrence and Hilda LaVon (DeLong) Carper.

She married Roger A. Shull on June 15, 1946, in Auburn, and he died Jan. 15, 2008.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Roger Shull of Butler, and Ricky and Carolyn Shull of Auburn; three grandchildren; a sister, Wava Collins of Silver Lake; and a brother, Larry Carper of Arleta, Calif.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a daughter, Pamela Jo Shull.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn. The Rev. Raymond Warner will be officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorial may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Newville Church of Christ, 5107 C.R. 75A, Butler, with calling from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service at the church. John Amstutz, Dale Rabineau and Brian Wilcox will be officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Newville.

Calling will also be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to Lake James Christian Assembly, Milligan College, or DeKalb Home Health and Hospice.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Josephine Sabrosky

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Josephine "Jo" (Berkes) Sabrosky of Kalamazoo and formerly of Grosse Ile, Mich., passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Amber Way of Heritage Community in Kalamazoo.

Josephine was born August 1, 1918, in Avilla, Indiana, of parents Fred and Mary (Rauh) Berkes.

Josephine's parents; four brothers, Kenneth, Robert, Jim, and Thad; one sister, Lucille Kinney; her husband,

Loren; and son, Dean; preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet (Jack) Widas of Estero, Fla., and Greta (Larry) Williams of Mattawan, Mich.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

As a teenager Josephine was hired by Emil Sabrosky for clerical work in Kendallville, Ind., at a lumber company he managed. There she met Mr. Sabrosky's oldest son, Loren, who she married in 1937. They were married 66 years before Loren passed away.

During WWII, Loren and Josephine moved from Kendallville to Detroit so that Loren could work for a defense contractor. They lived on Grosse Ile for over 50 years where Josephine was active in several island organizations: the Herb Society, the Questers and a local women's walking club. Loren and Jo were active members of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Trenton, Mich., the Harmony Club of Detroit, and the Nomads. They belonged to the North Shore Club in Wyandotte for many years.

When her daughters were school age, Jo was active in Girl Scouting, serving a number of years as a Scout leader. She was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed gardening, bowling, playing pinochle and being a loyal fan of the Detroit Tigers. She enjoyed golfing and was in her 60s when she made a hole-in-one. Loren and Josephine loved spending time with family and friends at their cottage on Lake Charlevoix, boating and enjoying the Northern Michigan experience. Together they collected antiques and decorated their home with many of them. Individually and together, Loren and Jo Sabrosky led active lives through their church, with their family and friends, and pursuing their varied interests.

There will be no visitation and a private burial has taken place in Sturgis.

A family celebration of life will take place at a future date.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice.

Hackman Family Funeral Homes, Sturgis, is in charge of arrangements.

Her obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family.

George Shoup

ANGOLA — George Bernard Shoup, 65, of Angola died Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Shoup was a writer.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1964 and then received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University. He received a Doctorate of Divinity degree from Iliff University in Boulder, Colo.

Mr. Shoup was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born May 10, 1946, in Washington, D.C., to Wilson and Blanche (Stahlberg) Shoup. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Kim and Deborah Shoup of Angola; a sister, Virginia Holderness of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and nieces and nephews, Samuel E. Shoup, Anna L. Shoup, Britt M. Holderness and Clayton J. Holderness.

No services or visitation will be held.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Mary Ulrey

LIGONIER — Mary C. Ulrey, age 102, died on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Greencroft Nursing Home in Goshen.

She was born on June 24, 1908, in Silver Lake, Indiana, and was the daughter of Norman and Nellie (Creachbaum) Tucker.

She lived most of her life in Ligonier, where she and her husband, John A. Ulrey, owned the Ulrey Funeral Home from 1941 until 1983 when it became Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home and was purchased by John and Judy Renner.

Mrs. Ulrey was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Good Samaritans. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Joanne Ulrey of Syracuse; four granddaughters, Mary Lou (Michael) Gavin of Warsaw, Amy Bennett of Zionsville, Nancy (Don) Hulen of Auburn and Ann (Rob) Ryan of Chicago; two grandsons, John (Billie Jo) Ulrey of Ligonier and Joe (Kate) Ulrey of Dearborn, Michigan; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John A.; a son, Norman Ulrey; and a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jim Biddle.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ulrey will be on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Ligonier United Methodist Church in Ligonier. Officiating will be Pastor Byron Kaiser.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral at

the church.

An Order of Eastern Star service will be conducted prior to the funeral by the OES Prentiss Chapter.

Burial will follow the service at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Please make memorials to Goshen Homecare and Hospice, P.O. Box 725, Goshen, IN 46527 or to the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

John Krajewski

MIDDLEBURY — John S. Krajewski, 89, of Middlebury died Friday, June 3, 2011, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Michael Manning

FREMONT — Michael E. Manning, 55, of Fremont and formerly of Angola died Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no visitation.

Private services will be held. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Robert MacDonald

LIGONIER — Robert C. MacDonald, 46, of Ligonier and formerly of Wawaka, died unexpectedly Thursday, June 2, 2011, at his residence.

Services will be Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Crosswalk at Ligonier United Methodist Church. Pastor Byron Kaiser will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the church. Burial will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield.

Memorials are to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

'He was an all-around guy'

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ANGOLA — Gerald Dean "Jerry" Van Wagner was known for driving everywhere in his beloved brown-colored 1990-model pickup truck.

He loved the truck so much, that when he died, his wife, Fran, wanted to put his casket in the vehicle's bed to transport it to the cemetery.

Mr. Van Wagner, 80, of Angola, died May 12 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 6, 1931, in Angola to Dale and Wreathia (Fisher) Van Wagner. He married Frances Ann "Fran" Cimbal on Sept. 5, 1953, and she survives in Angola. The couple met because Fran was classmates with Jerry's sister. Fran and Jerry got together and stayed that way. The rest is history.

Mr. Van Wagner owned and operated Van Wagner's Meat Market and Slaughter House in Angola with Fran. "We had Van Wagner Meat Market north of town with a meat case. We wholesaled (meat). We had that two or three years and had our slaughterhouse for 34 years," Fran said. "We wholesaled to restaurants — beef and pork. We did lambs. We did beef and cattle and deer. There's many good memories. We took care of the farmers."

Fran said when the couple had their meat market, it was a place lakers pulled into and bought their meat on the way to cottages.

When the couple retired, they cut back on business with their meat case. But all those years — in marriage and business — she said, "(He) and I worked side by side. We were quite a team ... We were compatible."



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Jerry Van Wagner loved hunting, socializing, fishing, playing cards, family, friends, and life in general.

Mr. Van Wagner liked fishing and hunting for deer and other game. Fran said her husband was also thoughtful. "He liked to hunt deer. When we were married, he was an avid coon hunter until 3 or 4 a.m. because that's when they came out. He would sell the pelts and buy me a practical Christmas present," she said.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving three years at a Minnesota base, a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Angola Lions Club, Angola American

Legion Post 31, the Nightcrawlers, the Angola Moose Lodge, and the Village Kitchen Coffee Club. He was also director and past president of the Steuben County REMC and past president and director of the statewide REMC, something Fran said "he lived and loved REMC."

Fran said her husband once received the highest honor in Indiana — the Sagamore of the Wabash — for distinguished service to the state or to the governor.

Traveling was always important to Mr. Van Wagner and he enjoyed sharing new discoveries with Fran and his five daughters. "We saw 48 states with our children. We had motor homes and travel trailers. We had many friends. We just love people," Fran said.

In many of Mr. Van Wagner's activities, socializing was the focus. "He had cancer and (the Village Kitchen Coffee Club) was a lifesaver. He had a stroke and heart surgery," Fran said. "That was his thing to go up and sit with the boys. It was a therapy session."

The Van Wagners also were members of a 50-year pinocle and euchre club. "He loved to play cards and bowl. He was an all-around guy," Fran said.

Fran said her husband's Catholicism was important to him. One day, he up and decided to get baptised at St. Anthony's in 2002, she said in a "beautiful" ceremony, after conferring with the Rev. Fred Pasche, pastor.

Mr. Van Wagner's burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and the Angola Lions Club.

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Maxine Peterson

ALBION — Maxine Marie Peterson, 78, of rural Albion, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Maxine was born on June 11, 1932 in Avilla to Frederick and Iva (Stark) Housholder. She graduated from Avilla High School in 1950, and on April 26, 1952, was joined in marriage to Maynard Peterson of Northwood, Iowa.

In 1957 they moved to a farm they purchased near Albion, and have lived there ever since. Maxine enjoyed piano playing, collecting antiques, birdwatching and most of all her children.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Maynard; three daughters, Rebecca (Douglas) Gaff of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, Susan Peterson of Albion and Christy (Momodou) Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; five grandchildren, Clarissa Gaff (Steve Miller) of St. Louis, Mo., Peter Gaff of Port au Prince, Haiti, Brendan Gaff of Portland, Oregon, and Jamila and Omar Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; a brother, Karl (Josephine) Housholder of Pretty Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Loretta Weber, Wilma Weber and Helen Housholder, and two brothers, Howard and Donald.

A private graveside service for family will be held in mid-June at Sweet Cemetery.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Lowell Massey

ALBION — Lowell Wayne Massey, 59, of Bear Lake near Albion, died unexpectedly Friday, June 3, 2011 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Jennifer Duesler

WAWAKA — Jennifer Duesler, 35, of Wawaka died Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Maxine's name to Heifer International, P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203-8058, or online at www.heifer.org/gift.

To send condolences online go to brazzellfuneral-home.com.

Della Hutton

GARRETT — Della M. Hutton, 93, of Garrett died Friday, June 3, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Hutton was a homemaker.

She was a member and also served in the women's group at the Garrett United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

She was born June 16, 1917, in New Buffalo, Mich., to Hugh O. and Angie (Beck) Barnes. She married John V. Hutton on Dec. 6, 1936, in Michigan City. He died in November 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John Craig and LuAnn Hutton of Garrett; a daughter-in-law, Judy Hutton of LaPorte; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Alice and Harold Roth of Michigan City, and Katherine Werner of Michigan City; and a sister-in-law, LaVerne Barnes of Michigan City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Danny Lee Hutton; four sisters, Peggy Gunn, Phyllis O'Brien, Shirley Kirkhahn, and Joan Millbeck; and three brothers, Robert Barnes, Richard Barnes and Paul Barnes.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., Garrett, with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit fellerand-clark.com.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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Mareo Montoya

ANGOLA — Mareo Montoya, 32, died Friday, June 3, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born October 31, 1978 in Auburn, Indiana to Octavio, Sr. and Karen A. (Russell) Montoya. Mareo worked for Evan's Logistics in Butler, Indiana.

He was a loving and devoted father to his children and lived to see them smile. He was an inspiration to his family and others. We love you and will miss you so very much.

Surviving are his parents, Octavio, Sr. and Karen A. Montoya of Angola, Indiana; a daughter, Natalie Ann and son Logan James Shultz-Montoya of Auburn, Indiana; a sister and brother-in-law, Alicia D. and Carlos Navarro of Goshen, Ind.; a sister, Karen Montoya II of Mishawaka, Ind.; a brother, Octavio Montoya, Jr. of Angola, Ind.; maternal

grandmother, Georgetta Cable of Angola, Ind.; a paternal grandmother, Priciliana Valenzuela of Chihuahua, Mexico; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2011 at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, Ind.

Services will be held Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Tom Wilson officiating. Burial will take place in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Indiana.

To leave condolences or sign the guestbook, visit hejohnsonfh.com.

LaVerne Bowman

GARRETT — LaVerne Eileen Bowman, 90, of Garrett, died Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Miller's Merry Manor activity fund.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's paper.

John Krajewski

MIDDLEBURY — John S. Krajewski, 89, of Middlebury, died Friday, June 3, 2011, at his residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bristol. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bristol.

Calling will 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2011 at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Lorraine Zakula

CROWN POINT — Lorraine Zakula, 87, of Crown Point died Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Zakula wintered and was active at Rainbow Village in Largo, Fla., for more than 25 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Pam (Tom) Smith of Muncie and Patricia Zakula of Garrett; a grandson; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edith Jonaitis and Joan Obert, both of Crown Point; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Zakula.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Geisen Funeral-Cremation & Reception Centre, 606 E. 113th Ave., Crown Point, with John Starr officiating.

Burial will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery at Gary.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial are Children First, P.O. Box 562, Auburn, IN 46706

View directions and/or sign a guestbook at www.GeisenFuneralHome.com.

LaVerne Bowman

GARRETT — LaVerne Eileen Bowman, 90, of Garrett died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.



Mrs. Bowman

Mrs. Bowman worked as a cook for various restaurants around the area.

She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was born on June 18, 1920, in Avilla.

She married Dale Bowman in Jan. of 1939, and he died in May of 1980.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Leonard Shaffer of Auburn; a sister, Delores Martin of Angola; three grandchildren and their spouses, Lori and Don McDaniel of Auburn, Terry and Lisa Shaffer of Auburn, and Karen McMaken of Butler; seven great grandchildren; Kendra McDaniel, Jama McDaniel, and Paige McDaniel, Marissa Jones; Johnny Logsdon, Carissa Logsdon and Terra McMaken; and a great-great grandson, Aiden Jones.

She was preceded in death by her father and stepmother, Walter and Frieda Wolf; her mother, Ruth (Gillian) Wolf; a son, Jerry Bowman; two daughters, Joan Bowman, and Janet Rowe; a sister, Lucille Keister; and two brothers, Lawrence Wolf, and Glenn Wolf.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo; with the Rev. Thomas Dumber officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Miller's Merry Manor activity fund.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Marvin Myers

LAGRANGE — Marvin Myers, 61, of LaGrange died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Cremation will take place. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Donald Helmkamp

LAGRANGE — Donald F. Helmkamp, 87, of LaGrange died Sunday, June 5, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Dorothy Sellers

GOSHEN — Dorothy J. Sellers, 91, of Goshen and formerly of Topeka, died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Jennifer Wright-Duesler

WAWAKA — Jennifer Gail Wright-Duesler, 35, of Wawaka died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Calling will be today, Monday, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

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Henry Shanyfelt

AUBURN — Henry E. Shanyfelt, 70, of Auburn died Sunday, June 5, 2011, at his home.



Mr. Shanyfelt

Mr. Shanyfelt worked at the Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring after 34 years of service. He then worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn

for 5 years.

He was born on July 13, 1940, in Fort Wayne, to Homer and Luella (Kerns) Shanyfelt.

He married Anna Rose Love on Dec. 9, 1959, and she passed away Nov. 19, 2010.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel E. and Sandra Shanyfelt of Garrett, Wayne Shanyfelt of Cleveland, Ohio, Mark Allen and Lori Shanyfelt of Auburn, Brian Neal Shanyfelt of Auburn, and Marty L. Thomas of Garrett; 13 grandchildren including Justin Heileman and Theresa Egly, both of Auburn; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Beverly Dibble of Fort Wayne, and Barb Houser of St. Joe; and a brother, Herb Shanyfelt of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Beth Ann Heileman; a grandson, Michael Allen Shanyfelt; seven sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Shawn Browning officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Justin Heileman.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Peggy Messer

LAGRANGE — Peggy S. Messer, age 53, of LaGrange died on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Bryan, Ohio, on January 24, 1958, to James Smith and Shirley (Ickes) Kunce. Her mother survives in Kendallville.



Mrs. Messer

Peggy graduated from East Noble High School in 1976.

She married Jodie Messer on August 25, 1978, in Avilla and he survives in LaGrange.

Peggy watched children in her home for 15 years. She has most recently worked for Griffith Rubber Mills in Garrett for the last 10 years.

She attended the Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo.

Peggy loved spending time with her family, especially her kids and grandkids. She also enjoyed going to garage sales, gardening, planting flowers, baking cookies and cooking for her family. Peggy liked reading, quilting and sewing. She enjoyed being around kids and did so by coaching and watching softball and baseball. Peggy also loved to go camping with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Jodie Messer of LaGrange; two sons, Cory and Chris Messer of LaGrange and Clayton and Monica Messer of Hudson; two daughters, Nichole and Jon Schrock of LaGrange and Narissa and Joe Roth of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; Andrew Schrock, Adam Schrock, Alex Messer, Hope Rowilson, Nayome Messer, Jonathon Messer, Kole Schrock, Elizabeth Messer,

Holt Schrock and Michael Messer; her mother, Shirley Kunce of Kendallville; two brothers, James and Judy Smith of Avilla and Thomas and Shirley Kunce of Kendallville; three sisters; Mary and Rock Blaskie of Kendallville, Kathy and Paul Birchman of Kendallville and Sharlene Rice and her companion Steve Ley of Avilla; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Phil and Essie Creech of Otwell, Ind.; three brothers-in-law; Cecil and Brenda Messer of Stroh, Lana and Connie Messer of Wolcottville and Philip Messer of Middlebury; two sisters-in-law, Sue Combs of Stroh and Janie and Kevin Thomson of Flint, Mich.; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Smith; her stepfather, Thomas Kunce; and her father-in-law, Pearl Messer.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 8, 2011, from 3-9 p.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Roland Roth.

Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Preferred memorials may be made to Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, the American Heart Association, the National Kidney Foundation or to the Messer Family.

Casketbearers will be Cory Messer, Clayton Messer, Joe Roth, Jon Schrock, James Smith, Tommy Kunce, Cecil Messer, Lana Messer and Philip Messer.

Honorary casketbearers will be Andrew Schrock, Adam Schrock, Lance Lochamire, Jonathon Messer, Kole Schrock, Holt Schrock and Michael Messer.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Peggy by Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Iris Lawrence

FORT WAYNE — Iris H. Lawrence, 87, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2011 at home.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker and a



Mrs. Lawrence

devout member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

A beloved mother, her family and friends were her

life.

She always looked for the positive in everything. Iris was kind, generous and sweet; she loved to laugh and tell a joke.

Surviving are her daughters, Carole (Carl) Hoffman, Anne (Max) Tinkel, Linda (Eldon "Rusty") Summers, and Beth (Dave) Clendenen, all of Fort Wayne, and Sue (Jim) Burns of Wolcottville, Ind.; her grandchildren, Amy Renfrow, Sam Hoffman, Jeff Hoffman, Sarah Decker, Rebecca Summers, Amanda Summer, Emily Harris, Tim Burns, Helen Burns, Pete Burns, Katie Woodburn and Kristie Moore; and her great-grandchildren, Jonah, Levi, Grant, Dane, Delaney, Jake, Alex, Gracie, Hannah, Charlie, Sophia, Stella, Margo and Ava.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard O. Lawrence; and a son, David Lawrence.

Mass of Christian burial is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne with Father Thomas Shoemaker officiating,

Duane Hayes

COSPERVILLE — Duane L. "Mouse" Hayes, 55, of Cosperville died Saturday, May 7, 2011, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Hayes owned MC Tattoo.

He was a United States Marine Corps veteran and served in 1973 and 1974.

He was a member of the Viet Nam Vets Motorcycle Club USA.

Mr. Hayes was born March 27, 1956. His mother, Shirley Meinberg, and his father, George Hayes, preceded him in death.

Surviving are his children, Lalani Gomez of Dothan, Ala., Duane Hayes Jr. of Florida, Jenna Hayes of Floyd, Va., Jennifer Garner of Indiana and Emma and Kali Hayes of South Milford; several grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Hayes and Dawn Hayes, both of Rome City; and a brother, George Hayes of Tijeras, N.M.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. July 9, 2011, at the Viet Nam Vets Motorcycle Club House on Cherry Street in Anderson, Ind.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Calling will also be at the church one hour prior to the funeral service.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Jude Tuition Assistance, Parkview Home Health & Hospice, or Masses.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Connie Shambaugh

SUSSEX, Wis. — Connie J. Shambaugh, 75, formerly of Auburn, died Sunday, June 5, 2011, her daughter's home in



Mrs. Shambaugh

Sussex, Wis.

She was born May 17, 1936, in Garrett to Otho McKee and Helen (Wessel) Schumaker. They have both passed away.

She was an elementary school aide with the DeKalb Central Schools from 1973 until 2006.

She was a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Connie married Gene A. Shambaugh on June 2, 1956, in Garrett and he died October 8, 1997.

She is survived by a daughter, Julie Joll of Sussex, Wis.; a son, David Shambaugh of Auburn; two grandchildren, Anna Joll and Daniel Joll, both of Sussex; a brother, Dan Schumaker of New Carlyle, Ind.; and a niece and nephew, Sarah Schumaker and Tim Schumaker.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, June 13, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is 3 hours prior to the service Monday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Maxine Peterson

ALBION — Maxine Marie Peterson, 78, of rural Albion, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Maxine was born on June 11, 1932, in Avilla to Frederick and Iva (Stark) Housholder. She graduated from Avilla High School in 1950, and on April 26, 1952, was joined in marriage to Maynard Peterson of Northwood, Iowa.

In 1957, they moved to a farm they purchased near Albion, and have lived there ever since.

Maxine enjoyed piano playing, collecting antiques, birdwatching and most of all her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Maynard; three daughters, Rebecca (Douglas) Gaff of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, Susan Peterson of Albion and Christy (Mormodou) Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; five grandchildren, Clariss Gaff (Steve Miller) of St. Louis, Mo., Peter Gaff of Port au Prince, Haiti, Brendan Gaff of Portland, Oregon, and Jamila and Omar Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; a brother, Karl (Josephine) Housholder of Pretty Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Loretta Weber, Wilma Weber and Helen Housholder, and two brothers, Howard and Donald.

A private graveside service for family will be held in mid-June at Sweet Cemetery.

Dorothy Sellers

TOPEKA — Dorothy Jean Sellers, 91, of Topeka and formerly of Goshen died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Courtyard Healthcare in Goshen.

No services or calling.

Burial will be at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to American Alzheimer's Association.

Yeager Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sarah Miller

GOSHEN — Sarah Mae Miller, 94, of Goshen died Sunday, June 5, 2011, at Courtyard of Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church in Goshen. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery in Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to Fairhaven Mennonite Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Jennifer Wright-Duesler

WAWAKA — Jennifer Gail Wright-Duesler, age 35, of Wawaka passed away unexpectedly on Saturday June 4, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., at 3:15 p.m.

She was born on April 23, 1976, in Port Smith, Virginia, to Thomas W.

and Joyce (Nelson) Wright.

She graduated from Slippery Rock High School in Slippery Rock, Pa., in 1994.

She is survived by two children, Logan and Kendra Duesler at home; her parents, Thomas W. and Joyce Wright of Wawaka; two sisters, Tonya Lee Wright of Harrisville, Pa., and Tracy (Wayne) Breetz of Wawaka; her paternal grandfather, Thomas Wright of Albion, Ind.; and her maternal grandmother, Wanda Nelson of Wayland, Ky.

A funeral service will be held in Jennifer's honor today, Tuesday June 7, 2011 at 11 a.m. with Pastor James Archambeault and the Rev. Ray Nelson officiating at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.



Mrs. Wright-Duesler

Bräzzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Maxine's name to Heifer International, P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203-8058, or online at www.heifer.org/gift.

To send condolences online go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 7, 2011, Tuesday

Verna Gibson

LIGONIER — Verna Mae Gibson, 69, of Ligonier and formerly of The Lamplighter in Kendallville died Monday, June 6, 2011, in Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Ms. Gibson moved to this area in 1950 from Kentucky.

She had worked at Essex and Monsanto, both in Ligonier.

She was born April 1, 1942, in Bolen, Ky., to Carew and Margaret Gibson.

Surviving are three sisters, Ellen Conley of Kendallville, Deanna McClelland of Kendallville and Barbara (Homer) Ferrell of Kendallville; three brothers, Roy Gibson of Kendallville, Arnold Gibson of Kendallville and Talbert Gibson of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Virginia Gibson and Ollie Heileman; and three brothers, Arnold Gibson, Ledford Gibson and Edward Gibson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the church, with an evening service at 7 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.



Miss Gibson

June Hough

STROH — June S. Hough, 70, of Big Turkey Lake near Stroh in LaGrange County died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Hough had been a resident of Jay and Adams counties prior to moving to Big Turkey Lake.

She was employed by General Electric in Decatur for 10 years.

Mrs. Hough had attended the First Christian Church in Albany.

She had been a student at New Corydon Grade School and Bryant High School.

She was born May 30, 1941, in Portland, Ind., to Donald Salmon Sr. and Helen (Crawmer) Pyle. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Allen Hough of Big Turkey Lake and Jerry Lee (Kim) Hough of Angola; a daughter, Juanita Sue (Terry) Sisson of Terre Haute; four sisters, Norma Smitley of

Dunkirk, Thelma Kongar of Pennville, Jennifer Schisler of Pennville and Roberta (Larry) Maloney of Linngrove; two brothers, Donald (Beverly) Salmon Jr. and John (Cindy) Pyle of Geneva; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack D. Hough, and her previous husband, Joseph Hough Sr.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, with Pastor Sally Jones officiating. Burial will be in Daugherty Cemetery at Bryant.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Heartland Family Hospice and Palliative Care.

Online condolences may be sent to www.glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Wayne Massey

ALBION — Wayne Massey, 59, of Bear Lake near Albion died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at his residence.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Area, 8432 N. C.R. 850E, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Yeager Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 7, 2011, Tuesday

Donald Helmkamp

LAGRANGE — Donald F. Helmkamp, 87, of LaGrange died Sunday, June 5, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Helmkamp and his wife, Ellen, moved to LaGrange in 1962 from Avilla. They owned and operated LaGrange County Dodge in LaGrange.

Prior to moving to LaGrange, he was a farmer and milk hauler.

Mr. Helmkamp was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange and the Knights of Columbus. He was active in St. Joseph's Parish during the building of the current church facility.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1924, in Cloverdale, Ohio, to Ben "Bernard" and Hilda (Kolhoff) Helmkamp. He married Ellen Kreienbrink on Feb. 23, 1946, in Kendallville. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four sons, Thomas and Karen Helmkamp of LaGrange, Michael and Dee Helmkamp of Howe, Al and Kitty Helmkamp of LaGrange and Ed and Mary Kay Helmkamp of Wolcottville; two daughters, Ginny and Wes Hall of Sparks, Nev., and Lisa Helmkamp of Howe; three brothers, Gerald Helmkamp of Venice, Fla., Richard Helmkamp of Auburn, and Paul Helmkamp of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Ley of Avilla and Joann Alfeld of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



Mr. Helmkamp

Cecil Harrison

WOLF LAKE — Cecil J. Harrison, 56, of rural Wolf Lake, died Sunday, June 5, 2011, at home surrounded by his family. He had been in failing health.

He had been employed by Randal's Auto Store in Albion. Prior to that, he worked at SCI in Ligonier and for 11 years in loss prevention for Walmart, primarily in the Columbia City and Kendallville stores.



Mr. Harrison

He served as a reserve police officer for Ligonier for 11 years and a volunteer firefighter/first responder and board member of Thorncreek Township Fire Department.

Mr. Harrison was a 1972 graduate of Columbia City Joint High School.

He was born July 26, 1954, in Columbia City, to Cecil J. and Mildred (Hursey) Harrison. On March 16, 1996, he married Kathy L. Appleton.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; two daughters, Carmen (W. Jess Yagel) Harrison of Bear Lake and Jessica (Jeremy) Alexander of Wolf Lake; a son, Jesse (Crystal) Harrison of Albion; 11 grandchildren; a sister, Shawnie (Bob) Harmon Foster of Columbia City; and a brother, Shannon "Bud" (Kathy) Harrison of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Christina Farber and Ben Ladig; a grandchild, Becca Farber; and four sisters, Malana Alvey, Karen Harrison, Debbie Harrison and Sherry Harrison. **In keeping with Mr. Harrison's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral.**

Arrangements are by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to funeral expenses in care of Smith & Sons Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bob and Jim Helmkamp. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. A rosary service will be held immediately following visitation at 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with the Father Andy Martinez officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials may be given to the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 7, 2011, Tuesday

John Boger

TOLEDO, Ohio — John L. Boger, 66, of Toledo, Ohio, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on May 26, 2011.

He died unexpectedly of heart-related causes at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo.

John was born on Dec. 18, 1944, to Harold A. and Dorothy (Mavis) Boger in Auburn. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1963 and also from Purdue University with a



Mr. Boger

bachelor's degree in business. He graduated from Rhema Bible Institute in Oklahoma and was an ordained minister. He served his country in the United States Air Force.

John married Jean Rollins in 1968.

He was employed at Dana Corp. in Auburn and in Colorado Springs. In his later years he worked at Sam's Photo Lab and was a manager at Walmart in Toledo.

John was a devout Christian. He read and studied the Bible every day. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, and two children, William (Regina) Boger of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Regina Boger of Toledo; two stepchildren, Theresa (William) Hart of Fort Wayne and James (Julie) Sattison of Butler; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters, Clarence and Jane Boger, Michael and Carol Boger and Larry Boger, all of Auburn, and Carolyn Trammel and **Mardene Boger of Auburn;** and one sister-in-law, Nancy Boger of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Franklin Boger, and a sister, Gloria Boger.

Toledo Crematorium Society is in charge of cremation.

A memorial service will take place June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with calling from 4 to 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 8, 2011, Wednesday

Beverly Newbauer

FREMONT — Beverly L. Newbauer, 83, of Fremont died Monday, June 6, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Newbauer had worked for Gays Laundry Mat and Gays' restaurant. The Hitching Post. She also did house cleaning.

She was a graduate of Fremont High School and a member of the Fremont American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 15, 1927, in Fremont to Olin and Gladys (Davis) Mingus. She married Raymond F. Newbauer and he survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are four daughters, Nancy and Duane Wall of Fremont, Linda and Ron Book of Fremont, Cindy Hantz of Angola and Pam and Jeff German of Angola; two sons, Larry and Gerry Newbauer of Montpelier, Ohio, and Max and Carol Newbauer of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Max Mingus of Jackson, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Madalynne Gary, Scharlette Sherburne and Phyllis Jean Mingus; and a brother, Howard Mingus.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.



**Mrs.
Newbauer**

Lois McCauley

ANGOLA — Lois M. McCauley, 84, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

She was born August 5, 1926, in Westville, Ill., to Cash G. and Eileen (Kelly) Markle.

They have both passed away.

Lois was a homemaker and also worked at Delta Airlines, North American Van Lines, Sears and Kmart.



**Mrs.
McCauley**

She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola and a member of Steuben County Council on Aging, Irish Club and she initiated the "Cold Facts" program for the Sunbird Senior Community in Chandler, Ariz.

She loved to dance — line dance, jazz, square dancing and exercise dance.

Lois married John N. "Jack" McCauley on May 6, 1947, in Fort Wayne and he died April 2, 2003.

She is survived by four children, John (Gloria) McCauley of Tucson, Ariz., Kathy (Timothy) Wright of Fort Wayne, Bob (Sandy) McCauley of Tempe, Ariz., and Dianne (Roy) Edgar of Angola; a brother, Glen Markle of Mt. Carmel, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Gene Markle.

A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2011, at St. Paul's Chapel, Clear Lake, with calling 1 hour prior to the Mass from 10 to 11 a.m.

Burial will take place at a later date in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Additional calling is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials can be given in Lois' name to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary, Alzheimer's Association, Diabetes Association or Steuben County Council on Aging.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation Diabetes Walk.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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Edward Pfeffer

LIGONIER — Edward Lee Pfeffer, 62, of Ligonier passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital. He was born the son of Charles E. Pfeffer and Josephine M. Leighty on July 13, 1948.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1966 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970.

Edward had farmed most of his life and worked for Silgan Plastics for 45 years.

He enjoyed golfing and playing Texas Hold 'Em poker and watching his grandchildren play sports.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

Survivors include, his special friend, Wanda Pfeffer; two daughters, Kimberly K. (Alan) Teel of Ligonier and Jennifer L. Saggars and her companion Alfonso Gomez of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Haley Teel, Taylor Saggars, Triston Gomez and Tori Gomez, all at home; a sister, Charlene K. (David) Hess of Fort Wayne; a brother, Gary W. (Kathy) Clouse of Avilla; two stepsisters, Nancy (Wilbur) Wells of Wolcottville and Deanna (Richard) Magnuson of Albion; and two stepbrothers, Rex (Kay) Smolek of Iowa and Jerry (Rhea) Smolek of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Josephine; his stepmother, Marjorie Pfeffer; and his stepfather, Harry A. Clouse.



Mr. Pfeffer

Robert Rowe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert P. Rowe, 89, of Winter Haven, Florida, and formerly of Wolcottville, died Monday, January 24, 2011, in the Good Shepherd Hospice Resident Center, Auburndale, Florida.

He was an over the road truck driver for Ringle Express with over 1,250,000 safe miles recorded.

He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Winter Haven,



Mr. Rowe

where he sang in the choir for several years. He was also a member of the Cypress Gardens Lions Club in Winter Haven. He was a former member of the Wolcottville Lions Club.

Robert was born in a log cabin April 22, 1921, in Valentine, Indiana, to Walter G. and Grace (Matthews) Rowe. He moved to Winter Haven, Florida, in 1996.

On October 3, 1942, he married June E. Keck. She preceded him in death on July 7, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Rowe of Winter Haven; and two brothers, Glenn Rowe of Kendallville and Jean Rowe of Winter Haven.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Rowe.

A graveside service will be Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Woodruff Cemetery with Pastor Jack Thomas of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, 107 West County Line Road, Wolcottville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Cypress Gardens Lions Club, P.O. Box 941, Winter Haven, FL 33882-0941. Mark on the memorial that it is for the Diabetes Testing Program in memory of Lion Robert Rowe.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

A funeral service will be held on June 11, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home at 11 a.m., with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 10, 2011, from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorial contributions are to American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Della Caldwell

LARGO, Fla. — Della May Caldwell, age 75, of Largo, Florida, died Thursday, June 2, 2011, at her home.

Della was born May 27, 1936, in Noble County, Indiana, to Raymond and Velma Grieser.

She spent her formative years in Noble County. She graduated from Rome City High School with the class of 1954.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Caprice and Ted Vreeland of St. Petersburg, Fla., and a granddaughter, Olivia, at home. Also surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Teresa Grieser of Corunna; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Dolores Barnes of Topeka, Kan., Gloria Sutton of Kendallville, Ires Grieser of Three Rivers, Mich., and Lora and Robert Schiffli of Waterloo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Darold; as sister, Rayma; and an infant grandson.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to:
caprice.vreeland@gmail.com
or dtgrieser@yahoo.com.

Mildred Lynch

FORT WAYNE — Mildred Lynch, 87, died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lynch worked in child care with Lutheran Hospital Child Care Center for 22 years.

She was a member of the Fort Wayne Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lynch was a native of Middlesboro, Ky.

Surviving are a son, Carl C. (Cheryl) Lynch Jr. of Auburn; a daughter, Jennifer Chunn of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Lynch Sr. in 2001; a grandson, Geoffrey; her parents, George Lynch Sr. and Jennie (Redmond) Lynch; and a brother, George Lynch Jr.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Fort Wayne Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Additional calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave.

Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Baptist Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to
www.mccombandsons.com.

Reid Burrows

ERLANGER, Ky. — Reid Morgan Burrows, 23, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2011, from melanoma at the Hospice Center in Dayton, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Dixie Heights High School in Erlanger, Ky., and Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond) with a B.S. in Criminal Justice.



Reid was **Mr. Burrows** also employed at Donatos Pizza in Kettering, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy E. and Margaret A. (Fletcher) Bledsoe; his uncle, Joseph Bledsoe; and his grandparents, Robert M. Burrows Sr. and Jewel Lorraine Burrows.

Survivors include his mother, Julie (Bledsoe) Carter of Florence, Ky., (born and raised in Angola, Ind.); his father, Robert M. Burrows Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind., a sister, Laura A. Burrows of Cincinnati, Ohio; and beloved Lindsey (nee Palm) Burrows of Kettering, Ohio.

Visitation was held April 25, 2011, at Linnemann Funeral Homes in Erlanger, Ky., followed by a funeral service at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Lakeside Park, Ky.

Interment of cremated remains will take place this summer at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, Ohio or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made to
www.linnemannfuneralhomes.com.

Billie King

FORT WAYNE — Billie Jean Walter King, 85, of Fort Wayne, died on Friday, June 3, 2011, 1:18 p.m., at Renaissance Village with the assistance of Southern Care Hospice.

Born Oct. 13, 1925, in Auburn, she was a daughter of the late Wilbur E.

Walter and Jennie E. (Sherwood) Walter.

She was a member of International Home Exchange; past president of Allen County Cancer Society; and a member of the Eastern Star.

She was a graduate of Auburn High School class of 1943.

In South Carolina, she was a member of Guardian Ad Litem; was a Victims Witness Advocate; a board member of Habitat for Humanity; and attended Parish Church of St. Helena (Episcopal).

Surviving are two daughters, Linda (Stephen) Sims and Letha Mason Chambers, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Laune (Deborah) Mason of Fort Wayne and Larry Mason of Yulee, Fla.; a sister, Sue Ash of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren; as well as 12 nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Walter and Joseph Walter; a sister, Patricia Diehl; and former husband, Gilbert R. Meyers.



Mrs. King

In loving memory of my beloved husband
ROBERT L. SHANNON

12/10/28 to 6/8/10

Forever, for always and no matter what.

Love & miss you so much.

~ Kay

John Cramar

CHURUBUSCO — John M. "Jake" Cramar, 79, of Churubusco died Friday, June 3, 2011, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with his grandson David Beard, officiating. There will also be a military presentation by the Whitley County Korean War veterans and the U.S. Navy at the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorials are to the family.

James Woodworth

LAGRANGE — A celebration of life service for James "Jim" Woodworth, 60, of Houston, Texas, and formerly of LaGrange will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Grossman's Restaurant in LaGrange.

All those connected to Mr. Woodworth are invited.

He died Feb. 18, 2011, in Houston.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Kristine Cantu

MIDDLEBURY — Kristine Sue Cantu, 60, of Middlebury died Monday, June 6, 2011, at her residence.

In honor of her 20 years of service at the Red Bird in Bristol, they will hold a time of sharing from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, with calling one hour prior.

Preferred memorials to Alzheimer's Foundation <http://alz.org/index.asp> or A Day Away Adult Daycare.

Online condolences to www.klaehnfahlmelton.com.

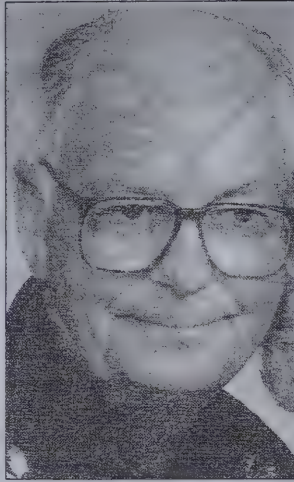
ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

June 8, 2011, Wednesday

Leroy Lawson, 85

Leroy Lawson, 85, a resident of Churubusco, passed away at 3:45 a. m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at his home. He had been in failing health since April, and had returned home two days ago after being hospitalized.



Mr. Lawson was born in Wolf Lake on May 11, 1926, a son of Homer and Blanche (Reed) Lawson, and spent his formative years in Noble County. As a young man he served with the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II, and was a war hero. Following his military discharge he was married to Ruth L. Schroeder on December 26, 1947. He was then engaged in farming, and was also a sheet metal worker.

He lived in South Milford for a portion of his adult life. He retired in 1988 as a construction foreman for Hagerman Construction, and was involved in many major building projects throughout Fort Wayne during his career. Following his retirement he enjoyed traveling throughout the continental United States and beyond.

He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and the Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846. He was also a member of the First Marine Division, and was proud to be a part of the Cherokee Nation Northern Tsalagi tribe in West Virginia.

His first wife preceded him in death on October 1, 1981. On November 13, 1983 he was married to Betty J. (Walker) McClure. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Corrine Caulfield of Sarasota, FL, Roy Lee (Cheri) Lawson of Auburn, Betty (Bill) Bridge of Kendallville, Gale (Michael) Kissinger of West, TX, Joan (Creager) Smith of Fort Wayne, and Jay (Deb) Lawson of Kalamazoo, MI; eight step-children June Houlton of Auburn, Linda (Duane) Barth of Columbia City, Beverly (Joe) Gray of Archbold, OH, David McClure of Columbia City, Aaron (Cyndi) McClure of Churubusco, Wanda Van Horn of Auburn, and Carol Butler and Gloria Hughnett, both of Fort Wayne; sister, Geneva Wagner of Kendallville. There are 30 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a step-son, Alden Ray "Sonny" McClure; a brother, Forrest Lawson; a sister, Odra Bailey; and two grandsons, Jeremy Ray Hoffman and Jeffery Everage.

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Funeral services were held on Monday, June 6, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating.

Interment with military graveside rites were in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Sonny McClure Scholarship Fund for Churubusco High School.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Lawson's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Verlin Lee Reeve, 78

Verlin Lee Reeve, age 78, of Kimmell, IN passed away at his residence on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 5:15 a.m. following a brief battle with cancer.

Mr. Reeve was born on August 2, 1932 to Charles Weldon and Althea (Fausnaugh) Reeve. He served his country honorably in the US Army during from 1953-55.



He was a lifetime area resident and retired from Behlen in Goshen after more than 30 years of service.

He is survived by six children, Connie (Tom) Stull of Goshen, Scott (Priscilla) Reeve of Wolf Lake, Robert (Teresa) Reeve of Kendallville, Brian (Judy) Reeve of Ligonier, Melinda (Troy) Compton of Kendallville, Holli Pease of Avilla; 29 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Homer (Norma) Reeve of Kimmell. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Arnold & Leland Reeve; and two sisters, Marlene Knox and Rose Ann Reeve.

A funeral service was held in Mr. Reeve's honor on Sunday June 5, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN with Celebrant Larry Baker and Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating. In accordance with Verlin's request, friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony in casual attire. "Just come as you are." Interment was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN where military honors were conducted.

Memorial contributions are to Goshen Center for Cancer Care, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com



Emily Lee Johnson, 69

Emily Lee (Bolen) Johnson, age 69, of LaGrange County, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2011 at her home.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Rock Fork, Kentucky on June 9, 1941 to the late Granville and Ogie (Handshoe) Bolen.

She married Robert Lee Johnson on April 3, 1958 in Hindman, Kentucky and he preceded her death on October 22, 2009.

Emily worked many years in factories around the area as well as Newman Foundry in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville.

Emily enjoyed raising a garden in the summer, crocheting and sewing, and tending to her flower gardens.

She loved spending time with her family, grandkids and children. She loved fishing and going "junkin".

Emily was a loving person and kind to others. She was known to take in people that were down on their luck with no place to stay. She would feed them and house them until they got back on their feet.

Survivors include daughters, Linda and Wilford Slone of Kendallville, Wanda and Rev. Charles Mosley of Kendallville, Tammy Childers and Kelly Martin of LaGrange, Evon and Danny Gilbert of Henryville, IN; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; sisters, Bonnie and Roy Collins of Kendallville, Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell, Barbara Halbakken of Ligonier, Connie and Lonnie Messer of Wolcottville, brothers, Ronnie and Lisa Bolen of LaGrange, Gary and Sandy Bolen of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her son, Roger L. Johnson, who died July 30, 1995; and her brothers, Madge, Don, and Kenny Bolen.

Funeral services were Friday, June 3, 2011 at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Officiating the services were Rev. Charles Mosley, Rev. Willie Collins, and Rev. Oley Smith.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Casketbearers were Gary Bolen, Ronnie Bolen, Brandon Slone, Timmy Collins, B.J. Mosley, Billy Mosley and Derek Johnson.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Mary Ellen Knox, 74

Mary Ellen Knox, age 74, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at her daughter, Janet's home near Avilla.

Mrs. Knox was born in Kendallville on April 17, 1937 to the late Lawrence "Bob" Hiram Mapes and Martha Anna (McCreary) Mapes.

She married Ernest Knox, Sr. on October 30, 1954 in Angola, Indiana and he preceded her death on June 25, 2007.

Mary was a dedicated mother and homemaker. For a few years she was nurse's aide at the old Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

Mary loved spending time with her family. She loved the outdoors, listening to her wind chimes, taking pictures, and making photo albums. Mary enjoyed sewing and quilting, and cooking Sunday family dinners. She loved going for rides in the car, attending area festivals and museums, working word search puzzles, and sitting on the porch swing, talking with her neighbors, family and friends.

Survivors include sons, Ernest Knox, Jr. of Kendallville, John Knox of South Milford, Jack and Julie Knox of Mt. Olive, North Carolina, Jay and Tammie Knox of Kendallville, Joseph Knox of Auburn; daughters, Judi and Ron Witham of Lagrange, Janet and Joseph Kretler of Avilla, Janel and Brian Childers of Avilla; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; sisters, Phyllis Mapes of Kendallville, Nancy Knox of Kendallville, Doris Christlieb of Kendallville, Sally Mapes of Hudson, Susan and Dan Wierich of Hometown, Karen and Dick Bell of Churubusco; brothers, Robert and Marcella Mapes of Waxahachie, Texas, Kenneth and Alleen Mapes of Rome City, Lawrence Mapes of Fort Wayne, Dennis and Hazel Mapes of Kendallville, Gale and Marsha Mapes of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Knox, who passed away in 1986; and her granddaughter, Cassandra Knox, who died in 1989.

Funeral services were Friday, June 3rd at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Gale Mapes.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Casketbearers were her grandchildren.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

June 8, 2011, Wednesday

Robert C. MacDonald, 46

Robert C. MacDonald, age 46 of Ligonier and formerly of Wawaka passed away unexpectedly on Thursday June 2, 2011 at his residence.

He was born on March 23, 1965 to Paul Edward MacDonald & Mary Allene Caudill. He was a graduate of West Noble High School. He worked for over 20 years at Coachman Industries in Middlebury. Robert will always be remembered as a jokester and a master craftsman. He was fan of the Indianapolis Colts, the Chicago Bears, and the show "*Mobster Wives of New York*". Above all he was a man

dedicated to the care of his mother and loving his family and friends.

He is survived by his mother, Mary A. Mullins of Ligonier; his father, Paul Edward MacDonald of Jackson, MI, three sisters, Alice (Bobby) Cripe of Ligonier, Allene "Renee" McLaughlin of Topeka, IN, Pamela (Jean-Marc) Laguerre of Goshen; three nieces; two nephews; and five great nieces.

A funeral service was held in Robert's Honor with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating on Sunday June 5, 2011 at the Crosswalk at Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Burial took place at Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield, IN on Monday June 6, 2011. Memorial contributions may be made to family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be made sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Peggy S. Messer, 53

Peggy S. Messer, age 53, of LaGrange died on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Bryan, Ohio on January 24, 1958 to James Smith and Shirley (Ickes) Kunce. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

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Peggy graduated from East Noble High School in 1976.
She married Jodie Messer on August 25, 1978 in Avilla and he survives in LaGrange.

Peggy watched children in her home for 15 years.

She has most recently worked for Griffith Rubber Mills in Garrett for the last ten years.

She attended the Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo.

Peggy loved spending time with her family, especially her kids and grandkids. She also enjoyed going to garage sales, gardening, planting flowers, baking cookies and cooking for her family. Peggy liked reading, quilting and sewing. She enjoyed being around kids and did so by coaching and watching softball and baseball. Peggy also loved to go camping with her family.

Survivors include her husband Jodie Messer of LaGrange; sons, Cory and Chris Messer of LaGrange, Clayton and Monica Messer of Hudson; daughters, Nichole and Jon Schrock of LaGrange, Narissa and Joe Roth of Garrett; 10 grandchildren, Andrew Schrock, Adam Schrock, Alex Messer, Hope Rowilson, Nayome Messer, Jonathon Messer, Kole Schrock, Elizabeth Messer, Holt Schrock and Michael Messer; her mother, Shirley Kunce of Kendallville; brothers, James and Judy Smith of Avilla, Thomas and Shirley Kunce of Kendallville; sisters, Mary and Rock Blaskie of Kendallville, Kathy and Paul Birchman of Kendallville, Sharlene Rice and her companion Steve Ley of Avilla; mother and father-in-law, Phil and Essie Creech of Otwell, Indiana; brothers-in-law, Cecil and Brenda Messer of Stroh, Lana and Connie Messer of Wolcottville, Philip Messer of Middlebury; sisters-in-law, Sue Combs of Stroh; Janie and Kevin Thomson of Flint, Michigan; many nieces; nephews; aunts; and uncles.

She was preceded in death by father, James Smith; her step-father, Thomas Kunce; and her father-in-law, Pearl Messer.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 8, 2011 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Roland Roth.

Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Preferred memorials may be made to Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, the American Heart Association, the National Kidney Foundation or to the Messer Family.

Casketbearers will be Cory Messer, Clayton Messer, Joe Roth, Jon Schrock, James Smith, Tommy Kunce, Cecil Messer, Lana Messer and Philip Messer.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Andrew Schrock, Adam Schrock, Lance Lochamire, Jonathon Messer, Kole Schrock, Holt Schrock and Michael Messer.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Peggy by Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Bertha Bernice Teegardin, 89

Bertha Bernice Teegardin, age 89, formerly of Avilla and Kendallville, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at The Hearth at Windermere, Fishers, Indiana where she resided the past 4 years.

Mrs. Teegardin was born in Avilla, Indiana on February 19, 1922 to the late Elmer and Ida May (Koons) Wells.

She married Cecil Ernest Teegardin on October 7, 1939 in Garrett, Indiana.

Together they made their home on Bertha's family farm. He preceded her death on January 24, 1990.

Mrs. Teegardin was employed by the East Noble School Corporation and worked in the Avilla School cafeteria for 21 years before she retired in 1991.

Bertha's interests included cooking, gardening and spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter. She loved her family, always putting them first, and she often looked to help those in need.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Julie Ann and Scott Lentz of Fishers, Indiana; granddaughter, Megan Lentz also of Fishers; many nieces and nephews; and special caregiver, Tracy Baker.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Dale Wells.

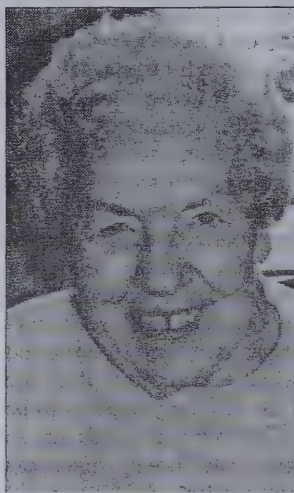
Funeral services were Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Mr. Thomas Novy.

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Avilla.

Preferred memorials may be made to The Hearth at Windermere, Keepsake Village, 9745 Olympia Drive, Fishers, IN 46037.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com



ALBION NEW ERA
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Maxine Marie Peterson, 78

Maxine Marie Peterson, 78, of rural Albion died at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Maxine was born on June 11, 1932 in Avilla to Frederick and Iva (Stark) Housholder.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1950 and on April 26, 1952, was joined in marriage to Maynard Peterson of Northwood, Iowa. In 1957 they moved to a farm they purchased near Albion and have lived there ever since. Maxine enjoyed piano playing, collecting antiques, birdwatching and most of all her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Maynard; three daughters, Rebecca (Douglas) Gaff of Rolling Prairie, IN, Susan Peterson of Albion and Christy (Momodou) Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; five grandchildren, Clariss Gaff (Steven Miller) of St. Louis, Peter Gaff of Port au Prince, Haiti, Brendan Gaff of Portland, Oregon; Jamila and Omar Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; brother, Karl (Josephine) Housholder of Pretty Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Loretta Weber, Wilma Weber, and Helen Housholder; two brothers, Howard and Donald.

A private graveside service for family will be held in Mid June at Sweet Cemetery.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Maxine's name to Heifer International, P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203-8058, or online at www.heifer.org/gift.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
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June 8, 2011, Wednesday

John M. Cramar, 79

John M. "Jake" Cramar, 79, a resident of rural Churubusco, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2011, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past four years, and had returned to his home from the hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. Cramar was born in Fort Wayne on April 3, 1932, a son of David L. and Lola Mae (Cook) Cramar, and moved to Churubusco at age 9 with his parents. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1950, and as a young man served with the U. S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.



For several years he worked in the meat department for the former Shelton's IGA in Churubusco and later for Egolf's IGA in Churubusco. He retired in the early 1990's as a floor inspector for Zolner Piston in Fort Wayne after 28 years. Following his retirement he was employed by the Eel River Golf Course near Churubusco.

Always a community spirited person, he was instrumental through the Jaycees in establishing both the football field at Churubusco High School and the first Little League diamond in the Churubusco Park. He was a member of Columbia City American Legion Post, and Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846.

The surviving relatives include his daughters Dawn Cramar of Albion and Debbie Geiger of Fort Wayne; a sister Donna Mae Cramar of Gleason, Tenn; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers Daniel Cramar and Pat Cramar.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with his grandson David Beard, officiating.

There will also be a military presentation by the Whitley County Korean War Veterans and the U. S. Navy at the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

For those who wish, memorials should be directed to the family.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Cramar's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

June 8, 2011, Wednesday

Sally Short, 86

Sally Short, age 86, of Rome City, died on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Short was born in Leburn, Kentucky on June 7, 1924 to the late Green Slone and Polly Ann (Slone) Slone.

She married John Short on November 13, 1939 in Hindman, Kentucky and he preceded her death August 8, 1990.

Sally was a homemaker and employed with No-Sag in Kendallville and Starcraft in Emma.

She was a member of the The House of Prayer in Kendallville.

Sally loved to fish, especially river fishing. She enjoyed gardening in her younger days and she loved raising her flower gardens. She crocheted and made quilts and loved reading her Bible and other Christian books. Sally was very much loved by her family and friends at church.

Survivors include daughters, Beverly and Manis Sparkman of Rome City, Josephine and Kenneth Johnson of Kendallville, Mary Ann and Jesse Hanshoe of Kendallville, Charlene and Colson Sizemore of Kendallville, Debra and Fred Kline of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren; her two special nieces, Brenda Ritchie of Wolcottville and Janice Baker of Kendallville, whom she helped raise when their mother (her sister, Olive) died at an early age.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Glenn Sparkman, who passed away on August 6, 2006; her brothers, Allen, Russell, Nokomis, Gilbert and Elbert Slone; and her sisters, Lourinda Hall, Arizona Cornett, and Olive Slone.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Five Corners Baptist Church with Rev. Clarence Combs and Rev. Billy Smith officiating.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Jennifer Wright-Duesler, 35

Jennifer Gail Wright-Duesler, age 35, of Wawaka passed away unexpectedly on Saturday June 4, 2011 at Parkview hospital in Fort Wayne, IN at 3:15 p.m. She was born on April 23, 1976 in Port Smith, Virginia to Thomas W. & Joyce (Nelson) Wright. She graduated from Slippery Rock High School in Slippery Rock, PA in 1994.

She is survived by two children, Logan & Kendra Duesler, at home; her parents, Thomas W. & Joyce Wright of Wawaka; two sisters, Tonya Lee Wright of Harrisville, PA and Tracy (Wayne) Breetz of Wawaka; paternal grandfather, Thomas Wright of Albion, IN; and maternal grandmother, Wanda Nelson of Wayland, KY.

A funeral service was held in Jennifer's honor on Tuesday June 7, 2011 with Pastor James Archambeault and Rev. Ray Nelson officiating at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, IN.

Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com



ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 8, 2011, Wednesday

Wayne Massey, 59

Wayne Massey, age 59 of Bear Lake near Albion, IN passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at his residence. He was born on December 3, 1951 to Leon Lewis & Mary Ellen (Dunlap) Massey in Kokomo, IN.

He served his country honorably during Vietnam in the United States Army from 1971-73. Wayne was an avid outdoorsman to say the least. He was an excellent woodworker, hunter, fisherman, and gardener and was able to fix or build anything. He was a drag-racing enthusiast, a gun collector, a member of numerous organizations, and was a staple in the community.

He is survived by three sons, Jason (Elizabeth) Massey of Fort Wayne, Matthew (Heather) Massey of Ligonier, and Michael (Brittany) Massey of Greenwood, IN; four grandchildren, Nicoya, Ryan, Cameron, and Aubray; his mother, Mary Ellen Massey of Kokomo, IN; a brother, Roger (Debra) Massey of Rouchville, IN; sister, Debbie (Jeff) Denny of Kokomo, IN.

A graveside service will be held at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, IN on Friday June 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM. A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Area, 8432 N. 850 E. Syracuse, IN 46567.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Dorothy Jean Sellers, 91

Dorothy Jean Sellers, age 91, of Topeka, formerly of Goshen, passed away at 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Courtyard Healthcare in Goshen, IN.

She was born in Topeka, IN on August 9, 1919 to Ben and Hazel (Hochstetter) Leming. Dorothy was a lifelong area resident and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Goshen Chapter and the D.A.R. She was a dedicated homemaker and had worked as a hairdresser in the 1940's.

She is survived by three children, Roger and Doug Sellers, both of Goshen, Linda (Steve) Foster of Motteville, MI; three grandchildren, Austin, Summer, and Nathan Sellers. She was preceded in death by a son, Allen Sellers; her parents; and a brother, Ben Leming.

Dorothy will be laid to rest at Eden Cemetery in Topeka. No public visitation or services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made to American Alzheimer's Association.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Edward Lee Peffer, 62

Edward Lee Peffer, age 62, of Ligonier, IN passed away at 6:30 PM on Monday June 6, 2011 at IU Health Goshen Hospital. Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Mary C. Ulrey, 102

Mary C. Ulrey, age 102, died on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Greencroft Nursing Home in Goshen.

She was born on June 24, 1908 in Silver Lake, Indiana and was the daughter of Norman and Nellie (Creachbaum) Tucker.

She lived most of her life in Ligonier, where she and her husband John A. Ulrey owned the Ulrey Funeral Home from 1941 until 1983 when it became Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, purchased by John and Judy Renner.

Mrs. Ulrey was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Good Samaritans. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter.

Surviving are a daughter in law, Joanne Ulrey of Syracuse; four granddaughters, Mary Lou (Michael) Gavin of Warsaw, Amy Bennett of Zionsville, Nancy (Don) Hulen of Auburn, Ann (Rob) Ryan of Chicago; two grandsons, John (Billie Jo) Ulrey of Ligonier and Joe (Kate) Ulrey of Dearborn, MI; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John A.; a son, Norman Ulrey; and a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jim Biddle.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ulrey were on Monday, June 6, 2011 at the Ligonier United Methodist Church in Ligonier. Officiating was Pastor Byron Kaiser.

An Order of Eastern Star service was conducted prior to the funeral by the OES Prentiss Chapter.

Burial followed the service at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Please make memorials to Goshen Homecare and Hospice, P.O. Box 725 Goshen, Indiana 46527 or to the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 9, 2011, Thursday

Leola Hartman

KENDALLVILLE —
Leola B. Hartman, 104, died Wednesday, June 8, at Chandler House in Kendallville.

She was born in Pleasant Lake on November 8, 1906 to Charles and Bertha (Brand) Mountz.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Center St., Waterloo. Burial in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna. Calling is 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or Heartland Hospice.

Opal Hodges
Charles Hodges
Neal Hodges

WATERLOO —
Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo for Opal Hodges, who died Feb. 2, 1992; Charles Hodges, who died July 16, 2006; and Neal Hodges, who died May 24, 2011. Bruce Edwards will officiate.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Gilchrist

ROCKFORD, Mich. —
Helen Wert Gilchrist, 94, passed away August 20, 2010, in Rockford, Mich.

She was born in Continental, Ohio, to M. Albert and Blanche (Sponsler) Wert on October 21, 1915. She was the widow of Donald L. Gilchrist, to whom she was married for 58 years.

**Obituary for
Julie Combs.**

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She grew up in Angola, Ind., and also lived in Fremont, Ind., Grosse Ile, Mich., Everglades City, Fla., Jonas Ridge, N.C., Naples, Fla., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Rockford.

She was a past Grand Worthy Matron of Fremont Eastern Star and a member of Minerva Club, the Marco Island Community Chorus, Angola United Methodist Church and Everglades City Community Church, where she was an organist and choir member.

She was a member of several Bible study classes, book review groups, bridge clubs and music organizations.

She enjoyed Brittany spaniels, travel, fishing and boating and was an avid sports fan.

Surviving are her children, Beverly (Gayl) Doster of Indianapolis and Lake James, Ind., Barbara (Jerome) Gough of Livonia, Mich., Judith (Robert) Murray of Cedar Springs, Mich., Joseph (Michelle) Gilchrist of Fort Collins, Colo., and Jeffrey (Mary) Gilchrist of Kalamazoo, Mich.; her grandchildren, Amy (Blake) Doster Svendsen, Douglas (Amber) Doster, David Blalock, Matthew (Julie) Gough, Kathryn (Kevin) Murray Bullen, Cynthia Murray, Tara Gilchrist Beyer, and Todd (Stephanie) Gilchrist; and 12 beloved great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cedar Springs Public Library, 43 W. Cherry St., Cedar Springs, MI 49319.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the Angola United Methodist Church, with calling one hour prior to the service.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 10, 2011, Friday

Larry Rathert

ANGOLA — Larry Fredrick Rathert, 65, of Angola died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Rathert had been a car salesman at Kool Chevrolet in Sturgis, Mich.,

Harold Chevrolet in Angola and Ben Davis Chevrolet in Auburn.

He was a U.S. Marine Corp's veteran.

He was born July 21, 1945, in Auburn to Laurence H. and Deloris J. (Madden) Rathert. He married Doshia P. Begley on July 17, 1976. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, DJ Button of Topeka and Randy (Stacia) Rathert of Missoula, Mont.; three daughters, Candy (Jody) Sweeney of Litchfield, Mich., Paula (Dave) Keller of Edon, Ohio, and Christian (John) Tomerlin of Marcellus, Mich.; a brother, Jeff Rathert of Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Mike Rathert; and a sister, Sandy Winchell.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Bill Romans, minister, officiating.

Military graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichthf.com.



Mr. Rathert

Leola Hartman

WATERLOO — Leola B. Hartman, 104, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Chandler House in Kendallville.

She was born in Pleasant Lake on November 8, 1906, to Charles and Bertha (Brand) Mountz and they have both passed on.



Mrs. Hartman

She graduated from Pleasant Lake High School in 1924.

Leola was the produce manager for 22 years at Sutton's Grocery in Waterloo.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She married Paul K. Hartman on February 7, 1931, in Angola and he died February 22, 1945.

Surviving are a son, Terry Lee (Joy) Hartman of Columbia City; a grandson, Greg (Jennie) Hartman of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren, Elicia Hartman and Paul Hartman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a grandson, Bradley Paul Hartman; a daughter-in-law, Diane Hartman; and a brother, Fay Mountz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Center St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is 3 to 8 p.m. today, Friday, June 10, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or Heartland Hospice.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Obituary for Julie Combs.
Stepson Darwin Wayne Combs is her ex-stepson.
Preceded in death by daughter which is an ex-stepdaughter. Tammy Lee McBride.
Darwin Wayne Combs

Robert Yoder

TOPEKA — Robert LeRoy Yoder, age 91, of Topeka, Ind., passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 5 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Ind.



Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder was born on April 19, 1920, to Erman B. and Gladys (Phillips) Yoder in LaGrange County, Ind. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1937 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army in the medical corps. During his service he spent four years in North Africa, Italy and France. He was discharged in 1945 as a staff sergeant.

On February 9, 1946, he married Mary S. Gibson in Medford, MA.

He owned and operated Yoder Oil Company, from which he retired in 1982.

He was a lifetime area resident, bowled on the Topeka and LaGrange Men's Bowling Leagues, served on the town council, and was a member of the LaGrange American Legion and the Topeka United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary S. Yoder of Topeka; two sons, Dennis A. Yoder of Wolcottville, Ind., and

Robert L. Yoder of Topeka, Ind.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Peterson.

Derwood Smith

FOLSOM, Calif. — Derwood "D.K." Smith, Col. USAF (Retired) died Saturday, June 4, 2011. D.K. passed away peacefully with his wife and youngest son by his side.



Mr. Smith

He was born May 21, 1919, on his parents' farm in Waterloo, Indiana, and even after traveling and living all over the world, Indiana remained "home."

He was a star athlete in track (high hurdles) and basketball in both high school and college at Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Yoder's honor on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 4 p.m. at Topeka United Methodist Church with Pastor Diana Siegal officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka, Indiana, where military honors will be conducted.

There will be a time of visitation from 2-4 p.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service at Topeka United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions are to Topeka United Methodist Church.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

In May 1941, D.K. joined the Army Air Corps and graduated flight school in January 1942 at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. As a member of the 31st Fighter Group, he served in England in June 1942 and flew Spitfires participating in many raids over Germany, as well as combat support of operations in North Africa and Sicily.

After flying 126 missions, he returned to the United States in 1943 to marry his high school sweetheart, Geraldine Husselman. They were married for 67 years.

D. K. remained on active duty in the Air Force stationed at the Pentagon, England, post-war Germany, the Philippines, and many bases in the U.S. He retired after 30 years active duty to live in Sacramento where his love of automobiles lead him to a successful second career with Hubacher Cadillac.

One of his greatest pleasures was playing golf (12 handicap) with his buddies at local golf courses and road trips to the Bayonet Course at Fort Ord near Monterey.

D.K. and Geraldine moved to Folsom, California, in 1997 where they continued to enjoy life with family and friends. He is survived by his wife Geraldine; sons, Terry and Rob and their spouses; a daughter, Linda and her spouse; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Don E. Smith, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. at Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 11, 2011, Saturday

Richard Foster

COLDWATER, Mich. — Richard L. Foster, 61, of Bronson, died Thursday, June 9,

2011, at the Laurels of Coldwater surrounded by his loving family.

The funeral service will be Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater with Pastor David Pierce from the First Baptist Church officiating. Military honors will be provided by the American Legion, Post 52, Drill Team. Visitation will be Monday, June 13, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with the Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home.

Richard was born June 10, 1949, in Lookout, West Virginia, to Roy and Elizabeth (Ewing) Foster. They both preceded him in death.

Rich served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Foster worked for many years at Dan's Market in Bronson and The Village Market in Colon. He then worked in media sales for many years at Coldwater's WTVB-1590, Q-1 Video and the Sturgis Radio Station.

Rich enjoyed yard work and all Notre Dame sports, especially football. He was an avid golfer and part of a special group of friends, known as "The Mafia." Rich was also a gifted basketball player, having played on the City League for many years and also



Mr. Foster

coached Middle School basketball. Rich enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and his dog, Freddie.

Rich is survived by his son, Dylan (Jodi) Foster of Coldwater; his daughter, Brooke Foster of Burlington; his brothers, Glen (Linda) Foster and David (Vicki) Foster, all of Fremont, Ind.; his sisters, Dola (Rick) Gleeson of Coldwater and Mary (Chuck) Hall of Angola, Ind.; his former wife, Karmen Foster of Burlington; and his grandchildren, Jayla and Dracyn Foster.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or Southern Care Hospice of Jackson.

Send online condolences to www.dutcherfh.com.

Jack Buttermore

AUBURN — Jack Buttermore, 84, of Auburn, passed away June 10, 2011.

He was born May 2, 1927, in Auburn to Chester and Rose (Habig) Buttermore.

Jack was a dairy/grain farmer and the owner-operator of Buttermore Sand & Gravel.

He served on the Board of Directors of Peoples Federal Savings Bank from 1980-2005 and on the board of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He married Phyllis Conley on Dec. 6, 1947.

Jack is survived by his wife and four daughters, Margaret Buttermore, Janet (Gerry) Nagel, Susan Buttermore, and Elizabeth (Jeff) Conrad. His grandchildren are Jennifer Nagel, Jonathan Nagel, Jack Conrad, and Kathryn Conrad. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Dorothy Conley and Audra Conley, and a brother-in-law, Nick Minichillo.

The family will receive friends Monday, June 13, from 4-8 p.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A family graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be given to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Naomi Rakestraw

AUBURN — Naomi L. Rakestraw, 98, of Auburn died Thursday, June 9, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born February 18, 1913, in Churubusco to the late William Henry and Mary Margaret (Dominy) LaMarr.

She was a secretary and bookkeeper for over 41 years for Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry before retiring in 1991.

She was a member of Day Spring Community Church. She was very active in the church over the years holding several offices.

She was a member of Christian Women's Business Association and Gideon's.

Naomi married Raymond L. Rakestraw on November 26, 1936, in Angola and he died on April 26, 1972.

She is survived by a sister, Emily Farmer of Auburn; nieces and nephews, Cynthia Deally of Cardiff by the Sea, Calif., Sally Brown of Auburn, Michael Farmer of Auburn, Susan Snyder of Auburn, Amanda Maier of Auburn and David Maier of Connecticut. There are several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in



**Mrs.
Rakestraw**

death by her parents; husband; six sisters Edith LaMarr, Ethel LaMarr, Ruth LaMarr, Betty Taylor, Hilda Fankhauser and Janet Maier; and nieces and nephews, David Cooper, John Fankhauser, Richard Farmer, William Maier and Anne Likens.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is 2 hours prior to the service from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Youth for Christ or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Nancy Sills

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy K. Sills, 59, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 9, 2011, at her home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Mary Stevens

Charles Stevens

ANGOLA — A graveside service for Mary L. and Charles E. Stevens will be on Sunday at the Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City in Noble County.

Ruth Farrington was very driven

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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AUBURN — Ruth Farrington had a knack for organization, which helped her raise six children, run several offices, tend to a dairy farm and serve several volunteer organizations. She was a woman who loved to stay busy, said daughter Julie Ramsey.

Farrington, 89, of Auburn died Feb. 28, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Ramsey, of Auburn, said her mother was never idle. Even when relaxing, she always had a book, or played computer solitaire. It wasn't in her nature to sit still, she said. Even as a child, Farrington would often go to work with her father delivering oil, ice or other goods.

"She developed a strong work ethic early on in life," Ramsey said. She carried that work ethic to adulthood when she married Charles Farrington and the two ran their own dairy farm.

Rex Farrington said his mother was an important part of the farm. She washed out steel tanks, used for storing milk, daily. In addition, she cooked for the hired farmhands, canned food and butchered chickens.

The couple had six children, who made life infinitely more hectic, Ramsey said. When Ramsey entered kindergarten, her mother went to work, she said. Farrington graduated from a business college in Fort Wayne and, soon after, began her career as a businesswoman.

Throughout her career, Farrington worked in the county clerk's office, served as a legal secretary, a medical office manager and eventually co-owned Farrington Real Estate with her husband.

"Mom was driven, and she had a good business mind," Rex Farrington said. "For a woman in the business



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A photo of the Farrington family. In front, from left are Charles Farrington with Julie on his lap, sons Jim and John and matriarch Ruth Farrington holds Rex on her

lap. In back are older sisters Louise and Pat. Daughter Julie Ramsey said family was always very important to her mother.

world, filled with men, she wasn't afraid." He said his mother loved to work and continued to sell real estate until she was unable to walk.

His mother was also very involved with civic and volunteer organizations, Farrington said. She was a member of the Waterloo Lions Club, volunteered at the concession stands at the Little League field, transposed music for individual instruments for the Waterloo Orchestra and generally helped out wherever she could. And, she still had time to bake chocolate chip cookies each Saturday, said her daughter Louise Rockey.

Working, farming, volunteering and raising six children required quite a bit of effort, Ramsey said. There were to-do lists for each child,

each morning, and Farrington said every child was taught to be responsible for themselves and their siblings. He said his mother instilled a strong work ethic in each of her children.

"Everyone pulled their weight," Farrington said. "There were no freebies and no one was going to do it for you."

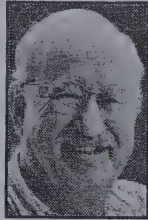
But, even as busy as she often was, Ramsey said her mom always had time to cook delicious meals. Each kid pitched in and helped set the table, chop vegetables or wash dishes, leaving their mother to cook.

"She baked pies all the time, and we always had a Sunday dinner," Ramsey said. "Mom was wonderful at everything she did."

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Paul Wysong

COLUMBIA CITY — Paul E. Wysong, 85, formerly of rural Noble County, died at 12:10 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2011, at Harbour Assisted Living, Fort Wayne, where he had been a resident for the last four years.



Mr. Wysong

He was born June 27, 1925, at Luckey Hospital, Wolf Lake, the son of the late Robert E. and Ruth (Gandy) Wysong. He spent his formative years in the Wolf Lake area and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1943.

On Sept. 6, 1944, he entered the U.S. Army. He served in the European Theater receiving a Purple Heart. He attained the rank of staff sergeant and was honorably discharged June 28, 1946.

On Aug. 24, 1946, he was united in marriage to Mable J. Miller. Mrs. Wysong died June 21, 1983. On Oct. 15, 1983, he was married to Gladys L. (Auer) Conrad. They made their home on a farm near Big Lake.

He was a lifelong grain farmer. Early in his career, he grew onions and mint. He was a former member of the Wolf Lake VFW and Columbia City Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two sons, Gregory (Karen) Wysong of Frankfort and Jeffery Lee (Andrea) Wysong of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Laura (Roger) McEntarfer of Columbia City; two stepsons, Duane (Martha) Conrad of Germany and Brian (Joy) Conrad of Columbia City; grandchildren, Elizabeth,

Ethan, Thad, and Bonnie Wysong; 6 stepgrandchildren; and 5 stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Russell Earl Wysong, in 1987.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Johnny McCallister, senior pastor of First Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to ALS Association or Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be left at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Christopher Hagan

KENDALLVILLE — Christopher Michael Hagan, of Kendallville, died on Thursday June 9, 2011.

He was born on May 25, 1971.

He left behind fiancée Tracy L. Shaffer of Kendallville; a son, Caleb M. Hagan of Kendallville; a brother, Kyle F. Hagan of Fort Wayne; a sister, Serena



Mr. Hagan

Hagan; two stepsisters, Sheila Roberson of Fort Wayne and Kelsey King of Fremont; his mother, Connie R. Trendle-King; his stepfather, Daniel Kind; his father, Kevin M. Hagan; his stepmother, Kathy Hagan of Fort Wayne; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his grandmother, Jeanette Hagan of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Cornelius F. Hagan and George W. Trendle Sr., and his grandmother, Mary Jane Trendle.

He enjoyed football and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

Services will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Condolences may be left at www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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James Jones

HUDSON — James J. "Jim" Jones Sr., 61, of Hudson, died peacefully on Friday, June 10, 2011, at his residence.



He was a **Mr. Jones** member of the International Union of Operating Engineers and worked for Hagerman Construction as a crane operator since 1995 when he moved to the area from Florida. He was a drummer and loved to spend time with his grandchild.

Jim was born on Jan. 19, 1950, in Glen Dale, W.Va., to Ralph E. and Alyce S. (Montgomery) Jones.

On May 24, 1975 he married Sondra K. Hall in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Justin Baugh of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, James J. and Kristy Jones Jr. of Kissimmee, Fla.;

a grandson, Aidan Baugh of Topeka; a sister, Carole Beam of Greensburg, Pa.; two brothers, Ralph "Pete" Jones of Deer Park, Texas; and Walter "Montie" Jones of Land-o-Lakes, Fla.; and a mother-in-law, Silva Martin of LaGrange.

Preceding him in death are his parents, a brother and a sister.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the First Church of God in LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Calling will be held on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials may be contributed to the family.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Arthur Lamle

FORT WAYNE — Arthur R. Lamle, 95, of rural Fort Wayne, died Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 1:05 a.m. at the Hamilton House in Fort Wayne. Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township, 7914 W. Cook Rd. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, Allen County. Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township Building Fund, 7914 W. Cook Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818.

Clara Vance

GOSHEN — Clara Marie Wiese Vance, of Goshen, died Friday, June 10, 2012. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the meeting room at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen. A graveside service will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to Greencroft Communities Foundation, P.O. Box 819, Goshen, IN 46527-0819, or Lutheran Child and Family Services, 1525 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219. Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Charles Hall

GARRETT — Charles E. Hall, 59, of Garrett, died Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 5:30 a.m. at his home.

He was born Oct. 22, 1951, in Floyd County, Prestonsburg, Ky., to William H. and Ann (Slone) Hall and they preceded him in death.

He married Edna J. Hull on Dec. 13, 1969, in Angola.

He was a tree trimmer for 26 years, retiring in 1997 from NG Gilbert, Muncie.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto.

Surviving are his wife: Edna J. Hall of Garrett; two sons Tony Hall of Auburn and Thomas Hall of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Warren Fleming of Garrett; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; five brothers, Henry Hall of Angola, Billy Hall of Zigler, Ill.; Art Hall of Bronson, Mo.; Rick Hall of Johnstontown, Ill.; and Mike Hall of Bronson, Mo.; and two sisters, Kay Spurgeon of Fremont and Lisa Burchett of Blue River, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers James Stanley and Frank Hall, and a sister, Joan Hall.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Forrest Van Gundy officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Foundation.

Condolences may be left at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Oakley Uhl

ALBION — Oakley E. Uhl, 71, died on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 8:45 a.m. at his rural Albion home.

Mr. Uhl was born on October 3, 1939 in Noble County and was the son of Lester and O'Donna (Bauman) Uhl. He attended Albion High School and graduated in the class of 1957.

He worked at General Electric as a machinist and retired from there after 23 years of service. Mr. Uhl served in the Army National Guard. He was a member of the Albion Eagles 2455, and enjoyed going to the Eagles in Kendallville and Albion to visit with friends. He was an avid gun collector, loved to fish, and tinker, and enjoyed going to Las Vegas.

Surviving are two sons, Kelly Uhl of Ligonier and Joey Uhl of Indianapolis; a grandson, Chancellor Uhl and a granddaughter, Cassidy Uhl, both of Indianapolis; his former wife, Patricia A. Uhl of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Delbert (Pat) Uhl of Albion; and a sister, Diana Kreger of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lester, on December 12, 1991, and his mother, O'Donna, on October 14, 2009.

Funeral service for Mr. Uhl will be on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Phyllis Smoot will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion. Pallbearers will be Delbert Uhl, Chance Uhl, Fred Sheets, Chad Sheets, Brian Kreger and Marc Bauman.

Please make memorials to the Sweet Church or American Cancer Society.

Go to brazzellfuneral-home.com to send online condolences.

Wesley Simpson

LAGRANGE — Wesley E. Simpson, 67, of LaGrange died Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

*Card of Thanks from the family of
Bonnie R. Grawcock*

We would like to thank the staff of Chandler House in Kendallville and Heartland Hospice of Ft. Wayne, as well as Dr. Toupin for their loving care. Thank you to Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett and Pastor Phyllis Smoot. Thanks also to the ladies of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto for the meal they prepared. Special thanks to all the family and friends who have kept us in your thoughts & prayers.

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Walter Helf

AUBURN — Walter S. Helf, 92, of Auburn, died at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, June 12,



Mr. Helf

2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was born May 11, 1919 in Edgerton, Ohio to Jay M. and

Emma A. (Stoll) Helf, and they preceded him in death.

He married Mary K. Smith on Aug. 15, 1939 in West Unity, Ohio, and she died Sept. 30, 2003.

Walter was a brakeman and conductor on the B & O Railroad for 26 years, retiring in 1972.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen S. (Kenneth L.) Smith of Waterloo; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his son-in-law: David A. (Kathie) Crowe, New York and a brother and sister: Don Helf of Sylvania, Ohio, and Evelyn Beals of Arizona.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife, Mary K. Helf; a daughter, Nancy L. Crowe; two brothers, Ernest

and Lawrence Helf; and three sisters: Marian Roose, Lela Boyd and Laverne Pressler.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

There will be no services at this time.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Gene Birch

LIGONIER — Gerald E. "Gene" Birch, 84, of Ligonier died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. before services.

Memorials are to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Donald Roembke

ANGOLA — Donald E. Roembke, 76, died June 11, 2011, at his home in Angola.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

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Donald Roembke

ANGOLA — Donald Edward Roembke, 76, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2011, at his home in Angola.

He lived most of his life in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Don graduated from Central High School in 1953. After graduation, he attended Culver Military School and went on to join the Marine Corp in 1954.

He returned to Fort Wayne to become a firefighter at Fire Station #10 and retired as a captain with 21 years of service. He retired as building superintendent of the Grand Wayne Center with 16 years of service.

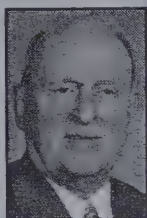
Don is the past president of the Kekeonga Long Rifle Association. He is the founder of the French and Indian War re-enactment group called the Miami Alliance.

He is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Indiana, and was responsible for maintenance of the church. He was also a member of the Land of Lakes Lions Club and the recipient of the Melvin Jones Humanitarian award in 2011.

Don was the son of Clarence F. and Frances H. Roembke.

He is preceded in death by parents; infant brother William, first wife, Betty J. (Staub) Roembke; and son, John V. Roembke.

He leaves behind his wife, Anna Marie (Bender) Roembke; a sister, Maryilynn (Roembke) Motz; three sons, Louis (Cathy) Roembke, William (Patty) Roembke and Dennis Roembke, all of Fort Wayne;



Mr. Roembke

Gerald Birch

LIGONIER — Gerald E. "Gene" Birch, 84, of Ligonier passed away at 7:35 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born March 17, 1927, to Charlie and Susie (Rarick) Birch in Wolf Lake. He married Violet "June" Poff in 1963. She preceded him in death in 2005. He later married Jean Parks in 2008. She survives.



Mr. Birch

a daughter, Debra Martin of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Kenneth Bender of Fort Wayne; and two stepdaughters, Lillian (Al) Stevens of New Haven and Diana (Hugh) Hogan of Fort Wayne.

Grandpa Don had 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

We love you and will always remember your love for us and your Lord Jesus Christ.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011, at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, 355 E. S.R. 120, Fremont, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Wayne Berkesch will officiate.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Gene served his country honorably during WW II in the United States Army.

He retired from Monsanto in Ligonier after more than 26 years of service. He was a member of the Moose Lodge #836 in Goshen.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Birch of Ligonier; eight children, Michael (Crystal) Birch of Ligonier, Cathy (Fred) Ratcliff of Goshen, Linda Wertman of Goshen, Gary Birch of Fort Wayne, Michael (Paulette) McDonald of Millersburg, Colleen McDonald of Syracuse, Tammy McDonald of Ligonier, and Bill McDonald of Ligonier; four stepchildren, Jim (Julia) Williams of California, Debra (Palmer) Short of Kentucky, Steven (Sandy) Williams of Ligonier, and Dan (Kelly) Parks of Albion; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Gary Ratcliff; and six siblings.

A funeral service will be held in Gene's honor on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at 4 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Jerry Alger

AUBURN — Jerry T. Alger, 85, died Friday, June 10, 2011, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Alger was a graduate of the Illinois School of Technology.

He worked as a Chief Engineer for Honeywell Inc. in California for Essex International in Auburn, and for King Seely in Kendallville, retiring in 1981. He then went to work for DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for 12 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. He was a lifetime member of the NRA, as well as a member of the American Society of Gas Engineers, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn.

He was born May 21, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois.

He married Betty A. Egar on Feb. 3, 1951, in Chicago, Illinois. She died Jan. 15, 2008.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David J. and Jayne Alger of Ligonier, and Jon A. and Shawn Alger of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Jerri-Ann Carlson of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Beth A. and William Walsh of Auburn, and Judi M. and Shannon Burgess of Albion; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and Debbie Alger of Garrett.



Mr. Alger

He was preceded in death by his father, Orin F. Alger; his mother and stepfather, Harriette J. (Weber) and Leo Davidson; his wife, Betty Alger; a brother, Alan F. Alger; and a sister, Patricia A. Maloney.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling from 9-10 a.m. prior to the service. Father Derrick Sneyd will be officiating.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday with a reciting of the Rosary service being held at 7:30 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Richard Paight

HOWE — Richard D. Paight, 58, of Howe died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Paight was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

He had worked as a mechanic and fork lift driver for Coachmen Industries in Middlebury.

Mr. Paight was a United States Army veteran.

He was born July 21, 1952, in LaGrange to Ellis D. and Mary Lou (Paulus) Paight. On March 11, 1972, in Howe, he married Cheryl A. Cox. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, CaSandra and Carlton Arthur of Fort Wayne and Crystal and Brian Hollowell of Goshen; two grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda and Ben Swank of Garrett and Delora Harker of LaGrange; and a brother, LeRoy Paight of Shipshewana.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and a sister, Beverly Paight.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedje officiating. A military service will be held following the funeral service at the funeral home conducted by the LaGrange American Legion Post #215.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.



Mr. Paight

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Wesley Simpson

LAGRANGE — Wesley E. Simpson, 67, of LaGrange died Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p. m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with full military rites performed by American Legion Post #215, LaGrange.

Memorials are to

Parkview LaGrange Hospice or the Alzheimer Foundation.

Danny Smith

LIGONIER — Danny B. Smith, 74, of Ligonier, died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at his home.

Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating. Burial is in Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Arthur Hentzell

LAGRANGE — Arthur L. Hentzell, 90, of LaGrange died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, Brighton, with full military rites performed by American Legion Post #215,

LaGrange.

Memorials are to the D.A.V., Rome City, Ind.

Nancy Sills

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy K. Sills, 59, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 9, 2011, at her home.

She was born April 23, 1952, at Fort Bragg, Calif., to Matthew and Laura (Robbins) Green.

Surviving are her husband, Robert F. Sills of Kendallville; two sons, Robert D. (Lacey) Sills of Auburn and Aaron (Lynn) Morgan of Fort Bragg, Calif.; a daughter, Keri Jones of Kendallville; two brothers, John Green of California and Lee Green of Idaho; a sister, Barbara Green of California; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Leslie Morgan, and a brother, David Green.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, 110 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with Pastor Harry Smith officiating.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Wayne Linn

CASTALIA, Ohio — Wayne Edwin Linn, 72, of Castalia, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday evening, June 12, 2011, at Firelands Regional Medical Center.



Mr. Linn

Wayne was born in Sandusky on May 1, 1939, the son of Robert R. Linn and Florence C. Uther and he was a 1957 graduate of Sandusky High School.

He retired from the trucking industry and spent most of his years as a self-employed sub-contractor in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and surrounding areas.

He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in Camp May, New Jersey.

He enjoyed bowling, golfing, boating, and raising and breeding Arabian horses. He loved music, and played the piano, keyboard, and the accordion.

Wayne was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the Sandusky Elks Lodge #285, the Huron Eagles Aerie # 2875, Science Lodge #50 F. & A.M., and was a past member of the Orioles Club, and the Port Clinton Moose Lodge #1610.

He is survived by lifelong companion, Janet Buck; a son, Randy (Karen) Linn and grandson, Colton, of St. Joe, Ind.; a son-in-law, Carl Thomas of Leo, Ind., and granddaughters, Jessica Thomas of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Angela (Randal) Smith of Norfolk, Va.; two brothers, Daryll Linn of Churubusco, Ind., and Robert Linn Jr., of Texas; and former wife and close friend, Gail Linn of Summerville, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Renee Thomas on April 16, 2011.

Friends will be received on Thursday, June 16, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. at Groff Funeral Home, 1607 E. Perkins Ave, Sandusky, Ohio, where a memorial service will be conducted by the Science Lodge #50 F. & A.M. at 7:45 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Friday, June 17, 2011, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Gary Ulrich officiating. Burial will be in Bloomingville Cemetery, Oxford Township.

Memorial contributions may be made in Wayne's name to the humane society of the donor's choice. Condolences maybe shared with the family by visiting www.grofffuneralhomes.com

Billie Short

ROME CITY — Billie Dale Short, 65, of Rome City died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at her daughter's home in Wolcottville, with her family by her side.

Mrs. Short retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

She was born September 12, 1945, in Carrie, Kentucky, to Demous and Ellen Short.

She is survived by one daughter, Jessica Leellen (Short) Tuttle of Wolcottville; two grandsons, Joshua D. Short of Rome City and Justin and Karis Tuttle of Stroh; one great-grandson, Kayden L. Tuttle of Stroh; and a close family member and friend who was by her side, Shawn Tuttle.

She was preceded in death by her father, Demous Short on June 8, 1972; her mother, Ellen Short on February 4, 2002, and a great-granddaughter, Cherish Tuttle on April 14, 2011.

A memorial service will be Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 1p.m. in Five Corners Baptist Church, S.R. 9 North and C.R. 600S, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence L. Combs and the Rev. Billy Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Short Family Cemetery in Carrie, Kentucky.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Richard Hartleroad

MACY — Richard N. Hartleroad, 91, of Macy, Ind., died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at the Veterans Hospital in Marion.

Mr. Hartleroad was a retired plumbing and heating salesman.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. His military decorations include the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

He was born in Peru, Ind., on March 24, 1920, to Ray and Ruth (Brenton) Hartleroad. He married Anna Lee Drake on Sept. 20, 1948, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 22, 1992.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Louise Hartleroad of Peru, Randall and Donna Hartleroad of Fort Wayne and Voyle and Helen Hartleroad of Butler; four daughters and sons-in-law, Bernice and William Armstrong of Arcadia, Fla., Jeanine and Ben Cripén of Macy, Ramona and Mike Baldrige of Rome City, and Latrisha and Robert Krontz of Angola; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Ann Tollison of Winona Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Anna Lee; and three brothers, Ray, Robert and Joseph Hartleroad.



Mr.
Hartleroad

Danny Smith

LIGONIER — Danny B. Smith, age 74, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 12, 2011, at his residence.

He was born on January 17, 1937, to John T. and Ethel (Pepple) Smith in Wawaka, Ind. On June 16, 1956, he married Shirley L. Altimus in Green Center, Ind. She preceded him in death on April 25, 2011.



Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was a lifetime area farmer and had worked as a mechanic for Truelove Brothers of Albion, JA Miller and Son of Wakarusa, and Noble County Highway Department. He recently enjoyed driving truck for Champion Homes.

Danny was a member of the Indiana Tractor Pulling Association and was honored in 2010 for 60 years of membership. He had served as a 4-H leader for many years and enjoyed bowling, tractor pulling and farming.

He is survived by three children, Bill (Deb) Smith of Wawaka, Judy (Brian) Reeve of Ligonier, and Bob (Sharon) Smith of LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Tom, Tonya, Tessa, Christina, Lisa, Tiffany, Erin, Lyle, and Lauren; five great-grandchildren, Ashley, Ethan, Patrick, Courtney and Evelyn; and a brother, Jack (Eunice) Smith of Royalton, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Smith; and a stillborn great-granddaughter, Adarah.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Smith's honor on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery in Cosperville, Ind.

There will be a time of visitation today, Wednesday, June 15, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Eikenberry Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Bill Weaver and Voyle Hartleroad officiating.

Military graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the United Cerebral Palsy of Indiana.

Online condolences may be made at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

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David Bible

WATERLOO — David Anthony Bible, 45, died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Bible was a factory worker for various factories in northeast Indiana.

He was born Oct. 28, 1958, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Surviving are his mother, Sally (Garrett) Bible Dingley of Waterloo; a son, Thomas Todd Bible of New Haven; three brothers, James Andrew Bible of Waterloo, Christopher Adrian Bible of Auburn, and Garrett Alan Bible of Stuart, Fla.; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Derewood Bible.

There will be no services conducted.

Memorials may be directed to the family, in care of Sally Dingley, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Terri Robertson

MUNCIE — Terri Lee (Mills) Robertson, 53, passed away Monday, June 6, 2011, at her residence.

She was born March 25, 1958, in Angola, the daughter of Walter and Esther Mims.

Terri graduated from Fremont High School and Ball State University. She currently worked for Ameripath of Indiana as a medical transcriber and had previously worked at First Merchants Bank as vice president for twenty years.

Terri was a supporter of A.R.F., from where she adopted her beloved dog. She also supported a local women's shelter and the Muncie Mission.

She enjoyed gardening, nature, fishing, flying, and gourmet cooking. Her family and friends will miss her.

Per her request, cremation will take place and there will be no services.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made in Terri's name to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

Gracelynn Shepherd

HOWE — Gracelynn Shepherd, 1-day-old daughter of Chase Shepherd and Natalie Moore of Howe, died Friday June 10, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born on June 10, 2011.

A graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Ontario Cemetery, Howe, with the Father German Perez-Diaz officiating. Carney-Frost Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Elmo Molter

ORLAND — Elmo Dean Molter, 72, of Orland died Monday, June 13, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services Friday.

Memorials may be directed to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department.

A full obituary will appear in the Thursday edition.

Kathryn Stebing

AUBURN — Kathryn A. Stebing, 95, of Auburn died Monday, June 13, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Thursday edition.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Betty Baughman, 84

Betty Marjorie (Method) Baughman, age 84, of Columbia City, IN passed away at 2:54 a.m. Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, IN. Born June 2, 1927 in Columbia City, she was the daughter of Ralph Leo and Katherine Candice (Coyle) Pratt.



She graduated with the Class of 1945 from Columbia City High School. A former resident of Euclid, OH, Albion and Muncie Lake, she lived in Whitley County the majority of her lifetime. In May, 2005 she returned to Columbia City. On September 24, 1976, she married Gene Baughman in Fort Wayne. She has been employed at Schultz Bros., The Trading Post, Fibre Form, Ion Capacitor, Montgomery Ward Catalog Office, JC Penney, Blue Bell, Inc. office and Scott's Grocery all in Columbia City. She retired in August 1989 from North American Van Lines, Fort Wayne. She was a member of Tri-Lakes Baptist Church and the Lakota Chapter.

Survivors include her daughter, Katherine E. Method of Columbia City; sons, Marcus W. (Sharon) Method and Steven P. (Sue) Method both of Fort Wayne; sister, Sandra Pratt of Columbia City; and her foster family, David (Peggy) Yun and Michael (Michelle) Yun both of Knoxville, TN, Lisa (Stephen) Smith and Jennifer Yun both of Atlanta, GA; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Gene Baughman.

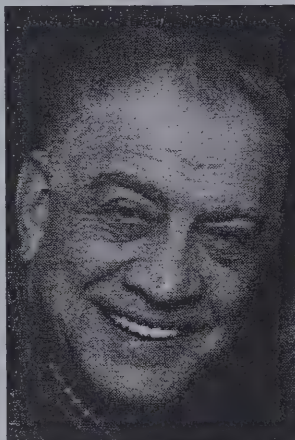
Visitation is 3-5 Thursday, June 16, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City with funeral services following at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Bob Segrist and Pastor Brad Fredrickson officiating. Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Baughman in lieu of flowers to the Lakota Chapter.

Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Gerald E. Birch, 84



Gerald E. "Gene" Birch, age 84 of Ligonier passed away at 7:35 AM on Sunday June 12, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, IN. He was born to Charlie and Susie (Rarick) Birch in Wolf Lake, IN. He married Violet "June" Poff in 1963, she preceded him in death in 2005. He later married Jean Parks in 2008, she survives.



Gene served his country honorably during WW II in the United States Army. He retired from Monsanto in Ligonier after over 26 years of service and was a member of the Moose Lodge #836 in Goshen.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Birch of Ligonier; eight children, Michael (Crystal) Birch of Ligonier, Cathy (Fred) Ratcliff, Goshen, Linda Wertman, Goshen, Gary Birch, Fort Wayne, Michael (Paulette) McDonald, Millersburg, Colleen McDonald, Syracuse, Tammy McDonald, Ligonier, and Bill McDonald, Ligonier; four step-children, Jim (Julia) Williams, CA, Debra (Palmer) Short, KY, Steven (Sandy) Williams, Ligonier, and Dan (Kelly) Parks, Albion; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a brother; and a sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Gary Ratcliff; and six siblings.

A funeral service will be held in Gene's honor on Thursday June 16, 2011 at 4 PM, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN. Friends may call from 2-4 PM prior to the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Edward Lee Pepper, 62



Edward Lee Pepper, age 62, of Ligonier passed away at 6:30 PM on Monday June 6, 2011 at IU Health Goshen Hospital. He was born the son of Charles E. Pepper and Josephine M. Leighty on July 13, 1948.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1966 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970. Edward had farmed most of his life and worked for Silgan Plastics for 45 years. He enjoyed golfing and playing Texas Hold Em poker and watching his grandchildren play sports. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.



Survivors include, special friend, Wanda Pepper; two daughters, Kimberly K. (Alan) Teel of Ligonier, Jennifer L. Saggars and her companion Alfonso Gomez of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Haley Teel, Taylor Saggars, Triston Gomez, and Tori Gomez, all at home; a sister, Charlene K. (David) Hess of Fort Wayne; brother, Gary W. (Kathy) Clouse of Avilla; two step-sisters, Nancy (Wilbur) Wells of Wolcottville, Deanna (Richard) Magnuson of Albion; two step-brothers, Rex (Kay) Smolek of Iowa, Jerry (Rhea) Smolek of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Josephine; stepmother, Marjorie Pepper; and stepfather, Harry A. Clouse.

A funeral service was held on June 11, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Burial followed at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Memorial contributions are to American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 15, 2011, Wednesday

Oakley E. Uhl, 71



Oakley E. Uhl, age 71, died on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 8:45 AM at his rural Albion home.

Mr. Uhl was born on October 3, 1939 in Noble County and was the son of Lester and O'Donna (Bauman) Uhl. He attended Albion High School and graduated in the Class of 1957.

He worked at General Electric as a machinist and retired from there after 23 years of service. Mr. Uhl served in the Army National Guard. He was a member of the Albion Eagles #2455, and enjoyed going to the Eagles in Kendallville and Albion to visit with friends. He was an avid gun collector, loved to fish, and tinker, and enjoyed going to Las Vegas.

Surviving are two sons, Kelly Uhl, Ligonier and Joey Uhl, Indianapolis; a grandson, Chancellor Uhl, Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Cassidy Uhl, Indianapolis; his former wife,

Patricia A. Uhl, Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Delbert (Pat) Uhl, Albion; and a sister, Diana Kreger, Albion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lester on December 12, 1991; and his mother, O'Donna on October 14, 2009.

Funeral services for Mr. Uhl will be on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Phyllis Smoot will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5:00 until 8:00 on Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion. Pallbearers will be Delbert Uhl, Chance Uhl, Fred Sheets, Chad Sheets, Brian Kreger and Marc Bauman.

Please make memorials to the Sweet Church or American Cancer Society.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Larry Lieberenz, 66

Larry Lieberenz, 66, of Kimmell, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on June 5, 2011, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Lieberenz was born to Joe & Gladis (Mower) Lieberenz on July 4, 1944 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He spent most of his formative years in Fort Wayne before moving to Cromwell. He settled in the Wolf Lake area in 1978 where he enjoyed living on Lake Gilbert's shore.

Mr. Lieberenz is survived by his daughter Tina Lieberenz of Shipshewana; two sons Larry Jr. and Ricky Lieberenz.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Lieberenz's memory, please log on to SheetandChilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 15, 2011, Wednesday

Robert LeRoy Yoder, 91

Robert LeRoy Yoder, age 91, of Topeka, IN passed away on June 8, 2011 at 5 PM at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, IN.

Mr. Yoder was born on April 19, 1920 to Erman B. & Gladys (Phillips) Yoder in LaGrange County, IN. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1937 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army in the medical corps. During his service he spent four years in North Africa, Italy and France. He was discharged in 1945 as a Staff Sergeant.



On February 9, 1946 he married Mary S. Gibson in Medford, MA. He owned and operated Yoder Oil Company from which he retired in 1982. He was a lifetime area resident, bowled on the Topeka and LaGrange Men's Bowling Leagues, served on the town council, and was a member of the LaGrange American Legion and the Topeka United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary S. Yoder of Topeka; two sons, Dennis A. Yoder of Wolcottville, IN and Robert L. Yoder of Topeka, IN; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Peterson.

A funeral service was held in Mr. Yoder's honor on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Topeka United Methodist Church with Pastor Diana Siegal officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka, Indiana where military honors were conducted.

Memorial contributions are to Topeka United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 15, 2011, Wednesday

Paul E. Wysong, 85



Paul E. Wysong, 85, formerly of rural Noble County died at 12:10 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2011 at Harbour Assisted Living, Fort Wayne where he had been a resident for the last four years.

He was born June 27, 1925 at Luckey Hospital, Wolf Lake the son of the late Robert E. and Ruth (Gandy) Wysong. He spent his formative years in the Wolf Lake area and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1943.

On September 6, 1944 he entered the U.S. Army. He served in the European Theater receiving a Purple Heart. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was honorably discharged June 28, 1946.

On August 24, 1946, he was united in marriage to Mable J. Miller. Mrs. Wysong died June 21, 1983. On October 15, 1983, he was married to Gladys L. (Auer) Conrad. They made their home on a farm near Big Lake.

He was a life long grain farmer. Early in his career, he grew onions and mint. He was a former member of the Wolf Lake VFW and Columbia City Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two sons, Gregory (Karen) Wysong, Frankfort and Jeffery Lee (Andrea) Wysong, Columbia City; a step-daughter, Laura (Roger) McEntarfer, Columbia City; two step-sons, Duane (Martha) Conrad of Germany and Brian (Joy) Conrad, Columbia City; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Ethan, Thad, and Bonnie Wysong; six step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Russell Earl Wysong, in 1987.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Johnny McCallister, senior pastor of First Church of God officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Preferred memorials are to ALS Association or Alzheimer's Association.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 15, 2011, Wednesday

Clara Marie Wiese Vance, 103

It is with love and heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of Clara Marie Wiese Vance on June 10, 2011.

Clara was born October 24, 1907 at home on the Wiese family farm on Adams Center Road in New Haven, IN, moving later to Ft. Wayne, Ligonier and Goshen. She was the 6th of 11 children of Henry F. Wiese and Emilia A. Roemer. Clara was baptized, confirmed and schooled at Martini Lutheran Church in New Haven, IN. She was later a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church of Ft. Wayne, IN and more recently of Burr Oak Church in Ligonier, IN.

Strong in her faith and knowledge of her Savior Jesus

Christ, this blended well with her love to sing and play music. Her skills on keyboard instruments ranged from the pedal and electric organ to accordion. At 103, she still sang hymns and songs from memory.

Clara attended two years of business school and worked at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne. She also worked for Kaidesh Vending in Ligonier before retiring in 1972.

She took great joy in raising two adopted sons and cherished the close friendship her step-daughters brought into her life. The many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. She prayed for them till she passed.

At age 80, she took her dream trip of a lifetime-to Hawaii. She loved crafts and continued to do various needle crafts through her 102nd year.

Her face adorned the Today Show Smuckers jar on her 100th birthday.

Clara is survived by son, Charles (Gayle) Kreckman of Newnan, GA; daughter-in-law Theresa Kreckman of Grants Pass, OR; step-daughter, Donna (Lee) Holm of Naples, FL; and sister-in-law, Anita Wiese of New Haven, IN.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Everett Vance; son, Bruce Kreckman; step-daughter, Louise

Galloway; step-son Leon Vance; parents, Henry and Emilia Wiese; brothers, Walter and Ray Wiese; sisters, Della Wiese, Gertrude Koehlinger, Bertha Wiese, Elsie Springer, Velma Dailey, Laura Blumenberg and Sophie Busche.

Services were held at the meeting room in Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen, IN on Monday June 13, 2011. A graveside service took place at the Chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery in Ft. Wayne, IN.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Greencroft Communities Foundation, P.O. Box 819, Goshen, IN 46527 or to Lutheran Child and Family Services, 1525 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219

Danny B. Smith, 74

Danny B. Smith, age 74, of Ligonier, IN passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at his residence. He was born on January 17, 1937 to John T. and Ethel (Pepple) Smith in Wawaka, IN. On June 16, 1956 he married Shirley L. Altimus in Green Center, IN. She preceded him in death on April 25, 2011.

Mr. Smith was a lifetime area farmer and had worked as a mechanic for Truelove Brothers of Albion, JA Miller and Son of Wakarusa, and Noble County Highway Dept. He recently enjoyed driving truck for Champion Homes. Danny was a member of the Indiana Tractor Pulling Association and was honored in 2010 for 60 years of membership. He had served as a 4H leader for many years and enjoyed bowling, tractor pulling, & farming.

He is survived by three children, Bill (Deb) Smith of Wawaka, Judy (Brian) Reeve, Ligonier, and Bob (Sharon) Smith, LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Tom, Tonya, Tessa, Christina, Lisa, Tiffany, Erin, Lyle, and Lauren; five great-grandchildren, Ashley, Ethan, Patrick, Courtney, and Evelyn; one brother, Jack (Eunice) Smith of Royalton, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Smith; and a stillborn great granddaughter, Adarah.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Smith's honor on Thursday June 16, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery in Cosperville, IN.

There will be a time of visitation on Wednesday June 15, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

James Alvin McGlocklin, 51

Thorton, Colorado — James Alvin McGlocklin, 51, formerly of Wolf Lake, Indiana, passed away November 20, 2010.

He was born April 28, 1959 to Frances E. (Rarick) and the late James C. McGlocklin in Elkhart, Indiana.

James was in the United States Air Force. His passions were working as a mechanic on race cars, drawing and tattooing.

Surviving relatives are his mother Frances, Albion, Indiana; a sister Tammy M. Heileman, Albion; two niec-

es and two nephews - Thomas C. (Laura) Heileman, Albion; Faith I. Casteneda, Ligonier, Brandy (Gonzalo) Bocanegra, Goshen, Guy W. Heileman, Albion. Several great-nieces and great-nephews and close longtime friends Rod and Sue Dreiling of Thorton, CO.

Memorial services will be at the Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake, Indiana on June 18, 2011 from 2 to 4 p.m.

He was preceded by a great-nephew Francisco J. Flores.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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Carl Rehklau

PIONEER, Ohio — Carl E. Rehklau, 92, of Camden, Michigan, died early Tuesday morning, June 14, 2011, at the C.H. & W.C. in Bryan after a brief illness.

Carl was born on April 8, 1919, in Archbold, Ohio, to John A. and Hannah E. (Keiser) Rehklau.

Carl was a 1937 graduate of Pioneer High School. Soon after graduation his true passion developed for farming. Carl was a lifelong farmer and had farms in both Amboy Township, Michigan, and Madison Township in Ohio. For a number of years Carl raised dairy cows.

Carl also had a love and talent for woodworking and carpentry.

Beginning in 1968, Carl was elected to the Amboy Township Trustees and was the clerk for 12 1/2 years.

Carl was a faithful member of the First Church of Amboy, formerly the Amboy Baptist Church, and was both a Sunday school teacher and deacon for many years.

Carl was survived by two daughters, Carol (Larry) Seeley of Angola, Ind., and Carleen (Patrick) Wyse of Archbold, Ohio; one son, C. Wayne (Genie) Rehklau of Clinton, Ky.; one daughter-in-law, Sheri Rehklau of Camden; 11 grandchildren, Dawn (Mark) Hancock, Bradley (Miya) Seeley, Tami (Norm) Pontious, Craig Rehklau, Christina (Nickolas) Oszaczky, Norman (Diane) Rehklau, Jeff Rehklau, Michelle (Jamie) Rice, Landon (Rachel) Wyse, Lance (Maria) Wyse and Logan (Kayla) Wyse; 11 great-grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

Amy Hawkins

KENDALLVILLE — Amy Lou Hawkins, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Private services will be held with Vicar Norman Wacker of Lutheran Life Villages officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, June M. (Close) Rehklau; his second wife, Erma (Richardson) Rehklau; a son, Marvin G. Rehklau; a brother, Elvin Rehklau; and a sister, Martha M. Bowman.

Visitation hours for Carl will be on Friday, June 17, from 5-8 p.m. at the Thompson Funeral Home in Pioneer.

Services will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Church of Amboy, 3000 Territorial Road, Camden, Michigan, with Pastor John MacFarlane officiating.

Interment will be at Floral Grove Cemetery in Pioneer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Church of Amboy. Condolences can be sent to thethompsonfuneralhome.com.

James McGlocklin

WOLF LAKE — James Alvin McGlocklin, 51, formerly of Wolf Lake, died November 20, 2010, in Denver, Colorado.

He was born April 28, 1959, in Elkhart, Indiana, to James C. and Frances E. (Rarick) McGlocklin.



Mr.
McGlocklin

He graduated from Central Noble High School. In 1979, he entered the United State Air Force and served as a jet engine mechanic. He was honorably discharged in 1983.

He is survived by his mother, Frances; a sister, Tammy M. Heileman of Albion; two nephews; two nieces; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and a great-nephew, Francisco J. Flores.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Wolf Lake Baptist Church, 1133 S. Main St., Wolf Lake.

Calling is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

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Elmo Molter

WATERLOO — Elmo Molter, 72, died on June 13, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born December 7, 1938, at home to Gladys and Elwin

Molter. He will follow them in death.

Still surviving are Ileen Molter, his wife; Robert Molter, his brother; two sons, Perry and Tod Molter; and a grandson, Lance Molter.

Mr. Molter became an EMT in 1980 and worked as an EMT reserve from 1980-1983. Mr. Molter served as Steuben County EMS director from 1983-1989. He became a paramedic in 1995. He then retired from Steuben County in 2003.

To family, friends and loved ones that knew him, he died with a broken heart after serving his community and was let down by the system.

Mr. Molter enjoyed serving his community and had very few hobbies. He loved doing woodworking, carpentry, being outdoors with his flowers and loved all his animals.

Pastor Steven Altman will be performing services for Elmo Molter.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.



Mr. Molter

Kathryn Stebing

AUBURN — Kathryn A. Stebing, 95, of Auburn died Monday, June 13, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at

Woodlawn Cemetery, 1605 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 111 E. Ludwig Road, Suite 105, Fort Wayne, IN 46825-4240.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

David Bible

WATERLOO — David Anthony Bible, 45, died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Bible was a factory worker for various factories in northeast Indiana.

He was born Oct. 28, 1965, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Surviving are his mother, Sally (Garrett) Bible Dingley of Waterloo; a son, Thomas Todd Bible of New Haven; three brothers, James Andrew Bible of Waterloo, Christopher Adrian Bible of Auburn, and Garrett Alan

Bible of Stuart, Fla.; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Derewood Bible.

There will be no services conducted.

Memorials may be directed to the family, in care of Sally Dingley, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home with viewing one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Orland at Greenlawn Cemetery following services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department.

Send condolences online to www.fellerandclark.com.

Travis Bishop

BRISTOL — Travis Fredrick Bishop, 27, of Bristol, Ind., died unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at Goshen Hospital in Goshen, Ind.



Mr. Bishop

Living his lifetime in LaGrange and Elkhart counties, he had worked in the shelling department at Forest River RV Company in Middlebury, Ind.

Travis loved to spend his time with his wife, Maria, and daughter, Trinity, family activities, being outdoors, golfing and was huge Indianapolis Colts fan.

He was a member of the LaGrange Church of God.

Travis was born on January 6, 1984, in Elkhart, Ind., to Jon and Lisa (Pieratt) Bishop.

On July 1, 2005, in Centreville, Mich., he married Maria Guijosa.

Travis was a loving husband and father and leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Maria Louisa Bishop and daughter, Trinity Christine Camila Bishop both of Bristol, Ind.; mother, Lisa Bishop of Wolcottville, Ind.; a brother, Dillon Bishop of Jacksonville, Fla.; his grandmother, Judy Pieratt of LaGrange, Ind.; his mother-in-law, Tina Guijosa Murray of Sturgis, Mich.; four sisters-in-law, Kellie (Hector) Figueroa, Hermosa Guijosa, Ana Guijosa, and Morelia Guijosa, all of Sturgis, Mich.; a brother-in-law, T.J. (Abbey) Guijosa of Elkhart, Ind.; a niece, Elora Figueroa of Sturgis, Mich.; a nephew, Todd Guijosa of Elkhart, Ind.; two aunts, Pam (Mike) Farber of

Lois Wright

ANGOLA — Lois M. Wright, 88, passed away at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Wright was a homemaker.

She was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, on April 12, 1923, to Glenn and Hazel (Bordner) Stackhouse.



Mrs. Wright

She was an avid NASCAR fan, and enjoyed birdwatching and making quilts.

She married Robert W. Wright on May 3, 1941, in Salem Center and he passed away on April 14, 2002. They moved to Wall Lake in 1986 from the Hudson area and spent winters in Arcadia, Fla.

Surviving are a son and his family in Alabama; a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Don Gunn of Indianapolis; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ora and Rita Stackhouse of Pleasant Lake, Ralph and Carroll Stackhouse of Corunna and William and Gloria Stackhouse of Angola; a special nephew and his wife, Bill and Julie Stackhouse; a special niece and her husband, Angie and Eric Sauter; her caregiver and very special niece, Jessica Bogert; three grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys and Ruth, and seven brothers, Allen, Raymond, Paul, Robert, John, Albert and Dallas.

Friends may call at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, on Saturday, June 18, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. at Fairfield Cemetery with Pastor Donna Holcomb and Mrs. Wright's nephew, Pastor Jeff L. Stackhouse, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Cameron Home Care and Hospice.

Send online condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

LaGrange and Patti (George) Buchhalter of Fairborn, Ohio; two uncles, Craig Pieratt of LaGrange, Ind., and James (Roxanne) Bishop of Charlotte, N.C.; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jon Bishop in 1989.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 1 p.m. at LaGrange Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 17, 2011, from 4-9 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to LaGrange Youth Baseball and LaGrange Church of God.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruipmayfuneralhome.com.

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Neville Smyth

KENDALLVILLE —
Neville Carson Smyth, 81,
of Kendallville died
Wednesday,
June 15,
2011, at
Parkview
Hospital in
Fort Wayne.
He was



born November 23, 1929, in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, to Harry and Mary (Carson) Smyth.

He was an Electrician for Ford Motor Company of Woodhaven, Mich., retiring in 1991.

Neville was a devoted family man and an avid Detroit Red Wings fan.

He married Beverly (Squier) Lawson on March 6, 2010, in Columbia City and she survives. He is also survived by a son, Keith Smyth of Bellville, Mich.; his new family, JoAnn (Dave) Crace of Columbia City, Judy (Gary) Hart of Auburn and Edison (Kim) Shippy Jr. of Kendallville; a sister Helen Watson of Hillsboro, Northern Ireland; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mary Smyth; and a son, Alan Maxwell Smyth.

Services will be at 12 noon Saturday, June 18, 2011, at the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Calling is today, Friday, June 17, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Memorials can be directed to the Auburn Nazarene Church.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Frederick Swanders

ALBION — Frederick Franklin Swanders, age 80, died on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at his home in Albion.

He was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, on November 16, 1930, and was the son of Aurthur and Orla May (Derrow) Swanders. He lived his adult life in Albion.

On April 16, 1955, in Auburn he married Dorothy Louise Gustin. She precedes him in death.

He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean War and belonged to the Albion Eagles where he was a

Golden Eagle. He was a lifetime member of the Kendallville American Legion Post 86 and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He enjoyed fishing, cutting wood, and mushroom hunting.

Surviving are a daughter, Roberta Lynn (Swanders) Petrie of Albion; his grandchildren, Cristy Ann (Petrie) Sanchez, Michael Eugene Petrie and Jessica Lynn (Petrie) Dean; his great-grandchildren, Michael Alexander Sanchez, Cristian Suave Sanchez, Briana Lynn Sanchez, and Olivia Hope Petrie; a brother, Richard Swander of Ray, Indiana; and two sisters, Lois "Jo" Wert of Kendallville and Carolyn L. Martin of Fort Wayne.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; a great-granddaughter, Hannah Jean Petrie; two brothers, Robert Swanders, and Larry Swanders; and five sisters, Lyda Nelson, Ruth Mountz, Martha Gibson, Connie Handshoe and Linda Bailey.

Burial of ashes will be on Monday, June 20, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pastor Brent Wedding will officiate.

The family will receive friends after 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749, 127 Veterans Way in Kendallville.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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Terence Masterson

FORT WAYNE — Terence Alan "Terry" Masterson, 77, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the Fort Wayne Marriott, 305 East Washington Center Road in Fort Wayne.

Military honors will be conducted following the celebration services by the members of the American Legion Post #449 honor guard, along with active duty troops from the U.S. Army.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Stemm

ELKHART — Linda Lou Stemm, 57, of Elkhart died Thursday, June 16.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at River of Life Fellowship Church, Middlebury.

Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Fitzkee

ALBION — Florence A. Fitzkee, 94, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion died Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at The Towne House in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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David Denham

LAGRANGE — David R. Denham, 64, of LaGrange died at his home on Friday, June 17, 2011.

Living in LaGrange since 1997, he found his true love driving bus for

handicapped children. He was a former bus driver for Northeast Indiana Special Education Co-op and was a current driver for Lakeland School Corporation.

He was the owner of McTavish Office Products in Hammond, Ind.

Mr. Denham was a United States Army veteran having served in the Vietnam War.

He attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in rural Wolcottville, Ind.

David loved the outdoors, fishing, gardening, and was an avid horseman who loved trail riding. He had coached basketball, was a Lake County 4-H leader with the Horse and Pony Club, and loved to watch college basketball and football.

David was born on February 21, 1947, in East Chicago, Ind., to W. Dean and Phyllis E. (Hill) Denham.

Surviving are three daughters, Amy Lawhon of Evansville, Ind., Sarah Denham of DeMotte, Ind., and Katie Denham of Gary, Ind.; four grandchildren, Jackson Lawhon and Emma, Sophia and Grace Holloper; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Pete Anthony of Kerrville, Texas; two nephews, David Anthony of Columbus, Ohio, and Dan Anthony of Minneapolis, Minn.; and best friend, Paul McCune of Cedar Lake, Ind., and his wife, Debbie McCune, and their children, Kyle and Brooke.



Mr. Denham

Shirley Boyer

BUTLER — Shirley M. Boyer, 80, formerly of Butler died Friday at Betz Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at H. E.

Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and his partner, Laura Solien on July 11, 2001.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, 4860 South - 450 East, Wolcottville, Ind., with the Rev. Frederick Cain officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, Ind.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Northeast Indiana Special Education Co-op or Goshen Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Bette Smith

GARRETT — Bette C. Smith, 87 of Garrett died Thursday, June 16, 2011, at Bethlehem Woods in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith was a secretary at Bauman-Harnish Rubber Co. in Garrett before her retirement.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett Eagles Auxiliary and Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born March 1, 1924, to Henry and Kathryn (Potter) Moses. She married Walter "Bud" Smith on Dec. 22, 1942, in Garrett and he died Dec. 22, 1997.

She is survived by two sons, Patrick Smith and Frederick Smith, both of Garrett; two daughters, Susan Burtch of Naples, Fla., and Martha (Scott) Troutner of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Joseph Smith, and a brother, William Moses.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Joe Laher officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Garrett Police Department or the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.



Mrs. Smith

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Bob Chiddister

CROMWELL — Bob C. Chiddister, age 53, of Cromwell, Ind., passed away unexpectedly at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at his residence.

He was born on August 15, 1957, in LaGrange, Ind., to Bob W. and Deloris (McClure) Chiddister.

Bob graduated from Fairfield High School in 1976.

He worked for Cromwell Lumber Company for more than 16 years and has worked for North Central Co-op for the last 18 years.

He loved to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycles and was a member of the Eagles in Syracuse.

He is survived by two sons, Scott (Tonia) Chiddister of Albion and Travis (Jenny Cary) Chiddister of Ligonier; three grandchildren, Justin, Emily and Ally Chiddister, all at home; his mother, Deloris Chiddister of Ligonier; three sisters, Sally (Kerry) Wilson of Albion, Sherri (Lewis) Kilgore of Wolf Lake, Ind., and Shellie (Don Click) Koze of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bob W. Chiddister.

A funeral service will be held in Bob's honor on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will follow at Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield, Ind.



Mr. Chiddister

Mark Bryant

AUBURN — Mark Alan Bryant, 53, of Auburn fought a strong and courageous battle with cancer but it took his life Friday morning, June 17, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. His faith helped him in his journey.



Mr. Bryant

He was born in Portland on March 15, 1958, to Glen and Mary (Hidy) Bryant. They survive in Portland.

Mark was the Director of Engineering at Pioneer Surgical of Marquette, Mich. He holds more than 30 patents in the Orthopedic Implant field.

He was a former volunteer fireman with the Auburn Fire Department and also was a former volunteer with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

He married Jan Blotkamp on May 10, 1986, in Portland and she survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Jessica Bryant of Auburn; a son, Corporal James P. Bryant USMC of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; a brother, William (Holly) Bryant of Muncie; three sisters, Gena (John) Bryant-Coers of Muncie, Amy (Mitch) Sutton of Portland and Betsy (Jim) Fennig of Portland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Patrick James Bryant.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Shop with a Cop Program or the Auburn Fire Department.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Salvation Army, 3100 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208 or the Ronald McDonald House, One Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Coty Parsons

BUTLER — Coty M. Parsons 21 died Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

He was born Nov. 26, 1989, in Auburn to Don Parsons and Angela Dove.

Survivors include his mother, Angela and Richard Knapp of Pleasant Lake; his father, Don and Melinda Parsons of Butler; a sister, Paige Parsons and Zach Carnahan of Angola; a half sister, Ashley Dove of Kendallville; a half brother, Joshua Hart of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Brody Cooper of Butler; his grandparents, Larry and Kathy Dove of Butler, Karen Knapp of Pleasant Lake, Earl Collins and Cindy Chriswell of Waterloo, Emma Jean Davis of Arizona, and Larry and Lana High of Butler.

There are no services or calling at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are requested to the family.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

William Foor

KENDALLVILLE — William B. Foor, 70, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 16, 2011, in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center, Kendallville.

There will be no visitation or services. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Fitzkee

ALBION — Florence A. Fitzkee, 94, of Albion died on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at The Towne

House Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fitzkee worked in the cafeteria at the Mt. Wolf Junior High School in Mt. Wolf, Pa., for several years. She also worked as her son's receptionist at his doctors office in Albion for more than 20 years.



Mrs. Fitzkee

Mary Fry

LIGONIER — Mary Pauline Fry, 70, of Ligonier died Friday, June 17, 2011, in IU Goshen Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Leroy Eash residence, 11555 N. C.R. 500W, Ligonier. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topkea.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today at the Harvey Fry residence, 11461 N. C.R. 500W, Ligonier, and all day Sunday.

Yeager Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Walter Ball

LIGONIER — Walter "Bob" Ball of Ligonier died Wednesday, June 16, 2011, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Mt. Wolf. She attended the Albion Presbyterian Church in Albion.

Mrs. Fitzkee graduated from William Penn Sr. High School in York, Pa. in 1936.

She was born in York County, Pa., on Feb. 20, 1917, to Harry King and Florence (Atticks) King.

Mrs. Fitzkee graduated from William Penn Sr. High School in York, Pennsylvania in 1936. She married Elwood David Fitzkee in 1938 in Mt. Wolf, Pa. He preceded her in death in 1970.

Surviving are four nephews; five nieces; and her guardians, Ruth and Roger Brenneke of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Dr. William E. Fitzkee who died April 4, 2007; three brothers; and two sisters.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date in the Quickel's Cemetery in Zion's View, Pa.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Teacher will be remembered

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — She mentored and educated hundreds of children in her 22 years as an elementary school teacher.

Her life impacted thousands of others through her involvement in 4-H, the South Milford Church of Christ where she played the piano and her love of music.

Belinda Beiswanger, 55, of Kendallville, died May 26, 2011. She will be remembered for her genuine desire to help others and her quiet, dedicated life as a teacher, wife and mother.

She graduated from Whitko High School in 1973 as the class valedictorian and went on to Purdue University to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She completed a Master of Education degree at Indiana University and then invested her talents in the lives of children as an elementary school teacher at Wolf Lake, Albion, schools in Whitley County and for the past 12 years at Wayne Center Elementary School in the East Noble school district.

Her colleagues at Wayne Center always will remember their caring friend.

"I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with Belinda," said Wayne Center Principal Karen Gandy. "She was a dedicated and talented teacher who put her heart into everything she did. She will be missed immensely."

Longtime Wayne Center teacher Mike Pasquali said Beiswanger had an extremely positive outlook on life.

"She was always looking on the bright side of things. When I had the opportunity to work with Belinda, I found her to be so caring and dependable," he said.

Mrs. Beiswanger befriended Dawn Jackson when Jackson started teaching at Wayne Center many years ago. Jackson said Mrs. Beiswanger was a person she could go to for support. Teacher Tracey Ihrie agreed.

"When you passed her in the hall, you just felt better," said Ihrie. "You could go to her with any problem, and she would listen, but rarely complained about anything. She would listen and always make you feel better." Several of Wayne Center's food-service employees remarked how pleasant Mrs. Beiswanger was to others.

Her Wayne Center colleagues recalled how Mrs. Beiswanger's laugh made everyone smile.

"Belinda had a laugh you couldn't ignore. It would always brighten your day," said Diana Lute.

Mrs. Beiswanger's daughter, Kelly Beiswanger, believes her mother's laugh lives on through her.

"They say I have your laugh. I hope I've inherited some of your joy, too," she said about her mother.

Her students benefited greatly from her dedication, said Jackson: "She cared deeply for her students and always gave them 100 percent of her energy to see to it they would succeed in the classroom."

Tammy Terry loved to watch Mrs. Beiswanger teach, because she had a calmness, and yet her students always knew what she expected of them.

In his eulogy, South Milford Church of Christ minister Brian Walter described how Mrs. Beiswanger enjoyed traveling with family and friends to places such as Switzerland, Hawaii, Florida and Yellowstone National Park. She took many trips with her husband, Lee Beiswanger, on their Goldwing motorcycle.

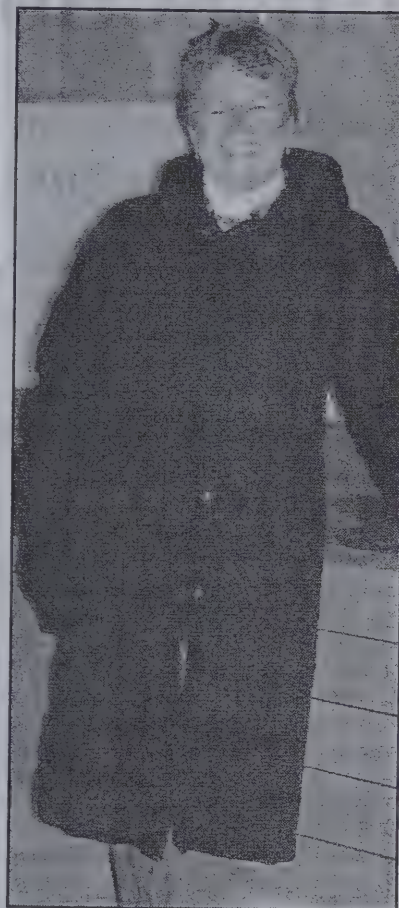


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Belinda Beiswanger stands in her new Wayne Center Elementary School classroom when the new school opened in 2009.

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Her faith was very important. Wayne Center teacher Deb Cooper said it was obvious to everyone Mrs. Beiswanger was a Christian, and her church and church family were priorities in her life, adding, "She always beamed when discussing happenings at church."

Walter described how Mrs. Beiswanger tried to pass on her piano skills to her daughter and son, Ben.

"We were not very good students for our mom," said Kelly Beiswanger, who enjoyed listening to her mom practice at home before she went to practice at the church prior to services.

Kelly said her mother taught her to trust God outside of all circumstances, and see the most important things. Despite her illness that was taking her life, Mrs. Beiswanger

remained positive for her family.

"We all endured things that we didn't think we were capable of enduring, and you had the most perseverance of all," said her daughter.

In addition to her daughter, son, and husband of 27 years, Mrs. Beiswanger is survived by her mother, Edna Bryant, her brother, Bruce (Lisa) Bryant, her sister, Angie (Mark) Green, her brother, Jim (Susan) Bryant, and many nieces and nephews.

"I'm sure the angels were singing a song of 'Hallelujah' when Belinda entered the Kingdom," said Cooper.

Mrs. Beiswanger is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Gertrude Parsons

QUINCY, Mich. — Gertrude W. Parsons, 77, of Quincy, Mich., died Friday, June 17, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1933, in Camden, Mich.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Diane White

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Diane M. White, 66, of Nettle Lake, Montpelier, Ohio, and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at her home.

Services are at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home. Memorials are to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Jean Walker

KENDALLVILLE — Jean Hossler Walker, 69, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 17, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be a time of visitation for family and friends on Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneral-home.com.

A complete obituary will appear in Monday's edition.



Mrs. Walker

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James Worman Sr.

FORT WAYNE — James A. Worman Sr., born Sept. 21, 1947, went to be with his Lord on June 17, 2011, at 3:16 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

He passed away from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on May 8, 2011. He was 63 years old.

He is survived by his children, Jamie (David) Derringer of Defiance, Ohio, Jodie Worman Tye of Waterloo, Toni (Carl) Wright III of Cecil, Ohio and James



Mr. Worman

A. (Tammy) Worman Jr. of Van Wert Ohio; nine sisters, Loretta Monnier, Georgeann Minnick, April Baker, Vickie Malott and Gloria Worman, all of Fort Wayne, Patricia Babb of Newport Richie, Fla., Sara Lowery of Huntertown, Paula Canter of Garrett and Brenda Weaver of Hicksville, Ohio; an aunt and uncle, Bill and Joyce Brown of St. Joe; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Carl Sr. and Hallie Worman, who raised him, and his parents, Eleanor and Richard Miller and Carl and Betty Lou Worman; his sisters, Linda Beard, Carol Worman and Debbie Luna; brother, Michael Lichleidner; and son-in-law Donald Johnston Sr.

He was a member of Restoration Tabernacle of Defiance, Ohio, Guardians R/C, Moose 2094 of

Defiance, Ohio, Beagle Boys (1970's) of Auburn and was co-founder of the Rain Riderz R/C, Waterloo.

Although Jim would tell us he is looking for the rest of his family and friends to join him in his happy, happy place he is at, he will be missed and never forgotten by all who knew and loved him. We do not cry for him but we cry for ourselves as his fun, charming and crazy personality has left a voice in our lives. We, the family, take comfort and are thankful to God for the extra 40 days we were given and we rest in the knowledge he is home with heavenly Father.

Funeral services will be at Restoration Tabernacle Church, Defiance, Ohio, on Wednesday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Janet Strickland officiating. Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Details are at hcsfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are to the family.

Shirley Boyer

BUTLER — Shirley M. Boyer 80, died Friday, June 17, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 6, 1931, to Guy and Myrtle (Gilbert) Heckathorn.

She retired from Bohn Aluminum.

Survivors include four sons, Dennis Richmond of Butler, Steve Richmond and William Richmond, both of Hamilton, and Tony Boyer of Angola; two daughters, Diana Delle of Colon, Mich. and Teresa Stomm of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Krontz.

No services or visitations are scheduled. Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

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Jane Whitehair

WOLCOTTVILLE — Local business owner Jane "Grammie" Bateman Whitehair, 84, of Wolcottville died Friday, June 17, 2011, at 1:15 p.m. in Wolcottville at the home



**Mrs.
Whitehair**

of her son, Don, with her family at her side. She had been in failing health for six months.

Mrs. Whitehair was a lifetime area resident. She owned and operated the Wolcottville Laundromat for 45 years.

Jane graduated from the Wolcottville High School. She was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary in Rome City.

She was affectionately known as "Grammie" by many. She enjoyed being with people and loved everyone. Her grandchildren were her life. She enjoyed working in the yard and spending time at the cottage on Dallas Lake. She especially enjoyed traveling.

She was born Oct. 10, 1926, in Wolcottville to Samuel and Violet (Iler) Wilson. She married Don R. Bateman, and he preceded her in death in July 1966. She then married Robert D. Whitehair in 1970, and he preceded her in death in March 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Wanda Landers of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Vickie Bateman of Columbus and Don and Melanie Bateman of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren, Curt (Mary Catherine) Landers, Robin (Mike) Todd, Jack (Lori) Landers, Kirk Bateman, Kristin (Jonathan) Martin, Brent Bateman, Ryan Bateman, Christopher (Samantha) Bateman, Heather Bateman and Chad Bateman; 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, a sister, a great-granddaughter, Erin Todd; and her companion of 15 years, Jack Duvé.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Chris Bateman and Chad Bateman. Active casketbearers will be Curt Landers, Jack Landers, Trent Landers, Kirk Bateman, Brent Bateman, Ryan Bateman and Mike Todd.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 pm. in the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the Parkview Noble Hospice Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 19, 2011, Sunday

Marcella Long

ALBION — Marcella Jean Long, 71, of Albion and formerly of Kendallville died Friday, June 17, 2011, in North Ridge Village in Albion.

She graduated from Kendallville High School. She received a master's



Ms. Long

degree in social work and counseling. She was a professor and head of the social work department at St. Francis College in

Fort Wayne. She has been a minister for the last 25 years.

She was born April 15, 1940, in Noble County to Edgar Ray and Mae Leona (Addis) Long. On July 1, 1984, in Noble County she married Charles Max Hoover. He preceded her in death on April 27, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters, Julie (Michael) Hobbs of Ooltewah, Tenn. and Kristin (Andrew) Hampshire of Kendallville; a stepson, Lucas Hawken of Kendallville; three stepdaughters, Margaret Pasko of Huntington, Beth Hanlon of Indianapolis and Phyllis Aurenheimer of Phoenix, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; her mother, Mae Long of Kendallville; a sister, Sharon (Daryl) Bell of Kendallville; and a brother, Edgar (Sherri) Long of LaOtto.

She was also preceded in death by her father and a sister, Sandra Lee Long.

Funeral services will be Monday, at 11:30 a.m. in the Wayne Center United Methodist Church with Rev. Sherri Long officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Monday from 9-11 a.m. in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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June 19, 2011, Sunday

Walter Ball Jr.

LIGONIER — Walter "Bob" Ball Jr., age 84, on June 15, 2011 completed his duties here on earth. On January 24, 1927 he was



Mr. Ball



Mr. Ball

born to Walter R. and Mabel (Woodcox) Ball Sr. at Leiter's Ford in Fulton County, Ind. On June 17, 1951 he married Berdenia M. Jackson at the Fulton Evangelical Church.

Bob lived in Fulton County working as a salesman for Murphy Products. He also worked on tractors after completing tractor training certification. In 1967 he and his family moved to Ligonier. He was the plant manager and regional sales manager for International Mineral and Chemical in Nappanee for 25 years. Bob continued in agriculture sales at Nappanee Farm Bureau and T&T Fertilizer. He retired in 2006. He served his country honorably in the United States Army and Air Force during World War II.

He attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church and was a member of the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier, the Masonic Lodge of Ligonier and the Scottish Rite of South Bend. Bob was truly proud to be an American. He loved hauling grain for his son-in-law Leland, fishing and talking to people. He also was a tour guide for the Ligonier Radio Museum.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Berdenia Ball of Ligonier; two sons, Steven L. (Nadia) Ball of Fort Wayne and Phillip L. (Tina) Ball of Ligonier; two daughters, Mary Ann (Leland) Hooley of Ligonier and Mary Alice (Bryan) Yoes of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Jeremiah (Rhoda) Ball of Ligonier, Olivia (Jonathan) Kline of Huntington, Ashley, Megan and Elizabeth Yoes all of Houston; and four sisters, Leona Skinner of Elkhart, Marquerite Click of Denver, Ind., Lucille (Don) Clifton of Culver and Colleen Burkhart of Plainfield.

A funeral service will be held in Bob's honor on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church with Pastor Otto Beer and Troy Diersing officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery, where military graveside honors will be conducted.

There will be a time of visitation on Thursday, June 23, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and on Friday, June 24, 2011 from 5-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767.

A Masonic service will be conducted at 8 p.m. following the visitation on Friday evening. There will also be calling from 10-10:30 a.m. prior to the funeral service at the church. At this time a mini-concert will be performed by his daughter Mary Alice along with her family in honor of her dad.

Memorial contributions are to Ligonier Masonic Lodge or LaGrange County Public Library Bookmobile, 203 W. Main St., LaGrange, IN 46761. Family requests

that floral request be made through Webster's Florist, 291 W. Spring St., Peru, IN 46970. Details available at 765-473-3049.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com were friends and family may also view a memorial tribute of Bob's Life.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 20, 2011, Monday

Donna Walker

KENDALLVILLE — Donna Jean Hossler Walker, 69, of Kendallville passed



Walker

away unexpectedly on Friday, June 17, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs.

Walker was born in Tiffin, Ohio on October 6, 1941 to the late Claude and Eva Marie (Volkner) Walker.

She graduated from Mohawk High School, Sycamore, Ohio in 1959.

Jean worked at the Sears store in Kendallville many years ago. She also helped open and manage the Baskins-Robbins Ice Cream store on Main Street in Kendallville. Jean later retired from Parkview Noble Hospital. Most recently, Jean worked at the YMCA and the Second Time Around Club at the Youth Center, both in Kendallville.

Her children and grandchildren meant the world to Jean. She loved attending their sporting events and supporting their many activities throughout the years. She loved family gatherings, and playing the piano, especially during the holidays. Jean enjoyed baking cakes and cookies. She loved cooking, sewing, doing crafts, and reading. Jean also loved to do her yard work and tend to her garden.

She will be greatly missed by her family including two sons, Mark Hossler and his wife, Laura, of Plainfield, and Trent Hossler of New Haven; two daughters, Cindy Kretler and

her husband, John, of Avilla, and Kim Cochard and her husband, Lynn, of Kendallville; seven grandchildren: Ryan and Alaina Hossler; Tiffany, Heather, Jessica and Andrew Kretler; and Kelly Stephens; a half brother, Kenny Walker and his wife, Ruthie, of Tiffin, Ohio; two half sisters, Susie Fraley and her husband, Denny, of Tiffin, and Marilyn "Tootie" Kleinhenz and her husband, Steve, of Tiffin; and a brother-in-law, Albert Ohl of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Ann Walker Ohl.

There will be a gathering of family and friends today, Monday, June 20, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville. No funeral service is scheduled.

The family prefers memorials be made to Kendallville Parks and Recreation Department.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Jean by Monday, June 20, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Nancy Bailey

LAGRANGE — Nancy Bailey, 75, of LaGrange died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 11:04 a.m. at her residence.

A private graveside burial will be held in Woodruff Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Richard McQuade

ORLAND — Richard L. "Pierre" McQuade, 81, of Orland, died Friday, June 10, 2011, at his son's residence.

A life celebration will be held at his son's house,

11085 E C.R. 730N, Orland on Saturday from 2-8 p.m.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Joyce Fiet

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Joyce 'Jo' Sayre Cross Fiet, 89, of Cape Coral, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Jo was born in Port Henry, N.Y., on May 9, 1922. During her teen-age years she was stricken with polio, but with her strength and determination, along with the constant assistance of her six brothers and sisters, was back on her feet after missing only one year of school.

After graduation, she attended Hunter College in New York City, studying secretarial skills. Awaiting the age of 21 to enlist in the Navy, she convinced her sister, Georgianna Cross, to join the Navy with her, and they went into service together in 1943.

Jo and Georgianna were stationed in Washington, D.C., and it was there Jo met Glenn John Fiet, and they were married on Dec. 29, 1944. They settled in the state of Iowa, where Glenn took over his father's business, the first Culligan soft water service in the state.

They continued in the Culligan business by buying the first new franchise in Kendallville in 1956. They sold the business and semi-retired to Fort Myers, Fla., in 1970 and have lived there full time for many years.

Jo took an accounting position with the Cypress Lake Country Club and worked there for many

years. Later she went back to work at The Golf Shop on Cleveland Ave., until she retired in 1982.

Jo is a member of the American Legion Post at Fort Myers Beach and belonged to the Cypress Lake Methodist Church.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn, in 1994; her brothers Raymond Cross Jr. and John Cross; and her sister, Jean Clarke.

She is survived by brothers Tom Cross (Pauline) of Kendallville and David Cross (Maryann) of LaGrange; sister Georgianna Bisplinghoff (Fred) of Fort Myers; daughters Sandra Fiet Parr (Dennis) of Conifer, Colo. and Terri Fiet McCready (Tim) of Cape Coral; grandchildren Rachel Stohler French (Corey) of Apollo Beach, Fla., and Mindy, Tim Jr. and Josh McCready of Nashville, Tenn.; and great-grandchildren Garrett David French of Apollo Beach and Zander McCready of Fort Myers.

Jo also has many nieces and nephews, cousins and loving friends who will all mourn her loss. Her fiery spirit and her constant helping hand to any and all will be missed by more than we can now imagine.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from noon until time of service. Burial will be in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Cape Coral.

Wayne Horsewood

NAPLES, Fla. — Wayne Horsewood, age 81, of Naples, Florida, and formerly of Kendallville, departed this life on June 13, 2011, after an extended illness.

A memorial service was held at East Naples United Methodist Church on June 17th.

He worked for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville until 1973 when he became employed by the Carborundum Company and the family moved to western New York. He retired in 1992 as controller for the Carborundum Company in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Wayne and his wife Roberta then became summer residents on Dallas Lake and winter residents of Bonita Springs, Florida. They became year-round Floridians in Naples in 2000.

He served in the Army National Guard for over 20 years. He was a member of Albion Lodge No. 97 F & AM, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter No. 178, both of Albion, achieved his Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason in Fort Wayne, and was a member of the Araba Shrine of Ft. Myers, Florida.

Wayne was an active volunteer and member of Faith United Methodist Church while living in Indiana and of East Naples United Methodist Church in Naples, Florida.

He enjoyed golfing and was an avid fisherman when in Indiana.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 60 years, Roberta; his daughters, Renae (Rev. Leonard) Clevenger of Midland, Mich., and Dedre (Michael) VanHoose, with grandson, Benjamin Smith, of Versailles, Ky.

Pamela Stevens

TOPEKA — Pamela Kay Stevens, 58, of Topeka, died at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 19, 2011 at her residence. Her death was very unexpected and was due to natural causes.

She was born on June 25, 1952 in Defiance, Ohio, and has lived in this area for the past 40 years coming from Van Wert, Ohio.



Mr. Stevens

He is also survived by two brothers, Don (Susan) and Jerry (Deanna) Horsewood, both of Hendersonville, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews including Sandy (Daily) Bixler of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Mildred Horsewood of Albion, and a brother, Max Horsewood of Auburn.

Those wishing to send condolences may mail them to 790 Charlemagne Blvd., Naples, FL 34112-7135.

If so inclined, memorials may be sent to Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville or East Naples United Methodist Church, 2701 Airport Road, Naples, FL 34112.

Pam worked at Supreme Corporation in Goshen, doing preparation work for the painting department.

She was an adventurous lady and loved camping and the outdoors. She will be remembered for her smile and her deep genuine concern for others.

The most important thing in life to her was her family and she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Surviving are a daughter, Tracy (Troy) McCullough of Topeka; two sons, Travis Stevens of Beverly Shores and Shawn Stevens of Michigan City; five grandchildren, Karise, Hannah, Isaac, Spencer and Lukas; two sisters, Sandy (Jim) Bowers of Antwerp, Ohio and Paula (Mike) Martz of Wolcottville; a brother, David (Patricia) Maberson of Fort Wayne and the father of her children, Harold Stevens of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Maberson; and her mother and stepfather, Dorothy (Sontchi) and Bill Green.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at Topeka Baptist Church, 104 North St., Topeka, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011, also at the church. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mark Campbell.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka.

Memorials may be given to the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 21, 2011, Tuesday

Gertrude Parsons

QUINCY, Mich. — Gertrude Wanagene Parsons, 77, of Quincy and formerly of California Township, Branch County, Mich., died Friday, June 17, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, Ind.



Mrs. Parsons

Mrs. Parsons had retired as a lab technician at Crotty Corp. in Quincy after 25 years of service. She had previously worked at Coldwater Lake, Crystal Beach and New Wharf for nine years.

She was a graduate of Montgomery High School in Montgomery.

Mrs. Parsons was born Aug. 17, 1933, in Camden to Orlo C. and Goldie L. (McNall) Harmon. She married Estel L. Parsons Oct. 3, 1957, and they were divorced after 22 years of marriage. He survives in Montgomery.

Surviving are companion, John Ogurchak of Quincy; four daughters, Diane (Blount) and Jody Grigg of Fremont, Pam and Denny Bronson of Arizona, Cindy and Steve Westfall of Kentucky, and Linda and Jeff Phibbs of Coldwater; two sons, Dennis and Sue Parsons of Coldwater and Curt and Sue Parsons of Bronson; two sisters, Lois Palmer of Texas and Edna Simpson of Geneva, Ind.;

and a brother, Paul Charles of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Meda Palmerton and an infant child; and two sons-in-law, Rodney Blount and Larry Bailey.

A celebration of life will be held from 2-4 p.m.

Thursday at the Montgomery American Legion Post in Montgomery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ellen Dietrich

ASHLEY — Ellen M. Dietrich, 61, of Ashley died at 3:45 a.m. Monday, June 20, 2011, at Cameron Community Hospital in Angola, following a long illness.

She was born Feb. 2, 1950, to Lois and Edna (Holden) Trueblood.

Surviving are her husband, Keith E. Dietrich of Ashley; a sister, Theresa (Bob) Hatten of Lafayette; a son, Kevin (Marti) Stichter; a granddaughter, Brooke Stichter; a son, Christopher; and a daughter, Tammy.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marcia Murphy, and a brother, Kenneth Trueblood.

I got to hold her and she looked up. The rest of the time we looked at each other. I wiped the tears from her eyes.

Services will be held at a later date.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

James Hewitt

KIMMELL — James Franklin Hewitt, age 84, of Kimmell, Ind., passed away Sunday, June 19, 2011, at his residence following an extended illness.



Mr. Hewitt

He was born

October 5, 1927, in

Elkhart, Ind., to Lee and Leafa Mae (Locke) Hewitt. He was married to his bride of 44 years, Helga Brathearing. She survives.

He retired as a sergeant from the United States Army after 20 years of honorable service. His tenure included serving in the Korean War.

In his retirement he enjoyed wood working and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Helga Hewitt of Kimmell; one daughter, Leona Gordon of Larwell; one stepdaughter, Manuela Coburn of North Webster; and four grandchildren, Cody, Nicole, Justin and JR.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings.

A graveside service with full military honors will be conducted at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind., on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 2 p.m. with Dr. Gordon Rankin officiating.

Memorial contributions are to Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N. C.R. 300W, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 21, 2011, Tuesday

Dean Crothers

ANGOLA — Dean Thomas Crothers, 86, of Angola died Sunday, June 19, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Crothers had worked in the aerospace industry for 42 years, retiring in 1988. He worked at Consumer Power in Michigan for three years, Bendix for 15 years and National Water Lift for 24 years.

He was a member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes at Angola. He was a 50-year member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 236 and a member of the Orland



Mr. Crothers

American Legion. He was a former member of the Angola Lions Club and the Jolly Dozen.

Mr. Crothers had graduated from Tri-State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Dec. 10, 1924, in Auburn to Ralph and Veda (Pfleightner) Crothers. He married Phyllis Folck on Sept. 26, 1945. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tamara (Tim) Ballance of Newark, Ohio, and Robin (Larry) Houghton of Portage, Mich.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Miller.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Thomas E. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with military graveside service by the Orland American Legion.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Angola Lions Club and the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes at Angola.

Maria Delagadillo

LIGONIER — Maria Delourdes Gutierrez De Delgadillo, 60, of Aguascalientes, Aguas, Mexico, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services were held at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Jacqueline Rickey

RIVERVIEW, Mich. — Jacqueline M. Rickey of Riverview, age 82, died Saturday, June 18, 2011.

She was the beloved wife of 63 years to Eugene "Rick" and loving mom of Michael (Betty), Matthew (Rose),



Mrs. Rickey

Mark (Jan) and Mitchell (Cindy).

She was also the proud nana of Carson, Maddie, Sophie, Mark and Annie and dearest sister to Marilyn and Marion. She is also survived by her friend Ann Molaski.

Jacqueline enjoyed cake decorating, ceramics and quilting. She helped with bingo at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School and attended St. Pius Catholic Church.

She volunteered for a variety of good causes at both schools.

Jacqueline also managed the campaigns for several mayors and city council members who have served the City of Southgate, Mich.

There will be a private memorial service at a later time.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boomerang Backpacks.

The Martenson Family of Funeral Homes in Allen Park, Mich., is in charge of arrangements.

To share a memory, visit Jacqueline's eternal tribute at www.martenson.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 22, 2011, Wednesday

Jeanenne Wood

FORT WAYNE — Jeanenne D. Wood, 74, formally of Fort Wayne, passed away Friday, June 17, 2011, in Arizona.

Her business was Heavenly Scents Creations.

She won the Johnny Appleseed business associate of the year 2000-2001.

She was a member of the Fort Wayne Artist Guild. She also painted the first logo for Vera Bradley.

Mrs. Wood was a rehabilitation volunteer at Lutheran Hospital. She was in the Big Brother Big Sister program. She was a Stephens Minister and a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

Her parents were Earl and Ada Stouder of Auburn, Indiana.

She is survived by her husband, Norman A. Wood, of Gilbert, Ariz.; a daughter, Lisa Griffin Smith (Gary Smith); of Gilbert, Ariz.; a son, Jeffery (Julie) Wood, of Chandler, Ariz.; her grandchildren, Ashley Greene, Katie Griffin, Christin Griffin and Sara Wood; her great-grandchildren, Elijah Griffin, Jaiden Matthews, Nevaeh Greene, Devon Ybarra and Zaraza Greene; a brother, William Stouder of Littleton, Colo.; and a sister, Shareene Rachel of Garrett, Ind.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2011, at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Mrs. Wood

Leo DuWan

HARLAN — Leo F. DuWan, 84, died Monday, June 20, 2011, at Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Neff

SHIPSHEWANA — Shirley K. Neff, 81, of Shipshewana died Monday, June 20, 2011, at Greencroft Health Care Center, Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W. C.R. 100N, Shipshewana.

A graveside service will be at 9 a.m. Friday at Shore Cemetery, with a memorial service at 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Heifer Project or MCC.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Faith Grant

FREMONT — Faith E. Grant of Fremont, 58, of Fremont died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no visitation.

Private family graveside services will be held at a later date.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Elma Norris

SHIPSHEWANA — Elma Maxine Norris, 91, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Shipshewana United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the Shipshewana United Methodist Church and one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to Shipshewana United Methodist Church, Goshen Home Care and Hospice and the LaGrange County 4-H. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Entombment is in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Fund.

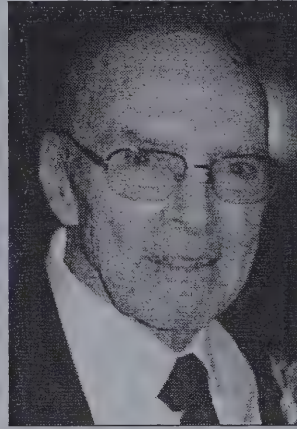
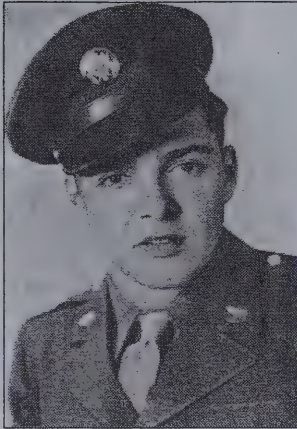
Send condolences online to www.klaehnfahlmelton.com.

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

June 22, 2011, Wednesday

Walter Ball, Jr., 84



Walter "Bob" Ball Jr., age 84, on June 15, 2011 completed his duties here on earth. On January 24, 1927 he was born to Walter R. & Mabel (Woodcox) Ball Sr. at Leiter's Ford in Fulton County, IN. On June 17, 1951 he married Berdenia M. Jackson at the Fulton Evangelical Church.

Bob lived in Fulton County working as a salesman for Murphy Products. He also worked on tractors after completing tractor-training certification. In 1967 he and his family moved to Ligonier. He was the plant manager and regional sales manager for International Mineral and Chemical in Nappanee for 25 years. Bob continued in agriculture sales at Nappanee Farm Bureau and T & T Fertilizer. He retired in 2006. He served his country honorably in the United States Army-Air Force during World War II.

He attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church and was a member of the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier, the Masonic Lodge of Ligonier and the Scottish Rite of South Bend. Bob was truly proud to be an American. He loved hauling grain for his son-in-law Leland, fishing and talking to people. He also was a tour guide for the Ligonier Radio Museum.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Berdenia Ball of Ligonier; two sons, Steven L. (Nadia) Ball of Fort Wayne, Phillip L. (Tina) Ball of Ligonier; two daughters, Mary Ann (Leland) Hooley of Ligonier, Mary Alice (Bryan) Yoes of Houston, TX; four grandchildren, Jeremiah (Rhoda) Ball of Ligonier, Olivia (Jonathan) Kline of Huntington, Ashley, Megan, and Elizabeth Yoes, all of Houston, TX, and four sisters, Leona Skinner of Elkhart, Marquerite Click of Denver, IN, Lucille (Don) Clifton of Culver, and Colleen Burkhart of Plainfield.

A funeral service will be held in Bob's honor on Saturday June 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church with Pastor Otto Beer and Troy Diersing officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery where military graveside honors will be conducted.

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ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

June 22, 2011, Wednesday

There will be a time of visitation on Thursday, June 23, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and on Friday, June 24, 2011 from 5-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. A Masonic service will be conducted at 8 p.m. following the visitation on Friday evening. There will also be calling from 10-10:30 prior to the funeral service at the church. At this time a mini concert will be performed by his daughter Mary Alice along with her family in honor of her dad.

Memorial contributions are to Ligonier Masonic Lodge or LaGrange County Public Library Bookmobile, 203 W Spring St, LaGrange, IN 46761. Family requests that floral requests be made through Webster's Florist, 291 West Main St., Peru, IN 46970. 765-473-3049.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com where friends and family may also view a memorial tribute of Bob's Life.

Maria De Delgadillo, 60

Maria Delourdes Gutierrez De Delgadillo, age 60, of Aguascalientes, AGUAS, Mexico passed away on June 19, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN following a brief battle with cancer. She was here visiting her family in the States when she became ill.

Maria was born on February 11, 1951 in Asuascalientes, Mexico to Agustin and Maria Del Refugio (Ortiz) De Gutierrez. She married Bruno Delgadillo in 1970, he survives. She was a dedicated homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bruno Delgadillo of Aguascalientes; seven children, Jauana Maria Delgadillo, Leticia Delgadillo, and Lorena (Natividad) Martinez all of Ligonier, Heidy Delgadillo of Wawaka, Edgar Delgadillo and Maria Delourdes Delgadillo both of Ligonier, and Jesenia Delgadillo of Agyascalientes; 16 grandchildren; 6 brothers; and a sister. She was preceded in death by her parents; and 3 brothers.

A funeral service followed by an all night vigil was held at Yeager Funeral Home in Maria's honor on Sunday June 19, 2011 with Father Wilson Corzo officiating.

Memorial contributions are to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 22, 2011, Wednesday

Marcella Jean Long, 71

Marcella Jean Long, 71, of Albion and formerly of Kendallville died Friday, June 17, 2011, in Northridge Village in Albion.

She graduated from Kendallville High School. She received a master's degree in social work and counseling. She was a Professor and head of the Social Work Department at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. She has been a minister for the last 25 years.



She was born April 15, 1940, in Noble County to Edgar Ray and Mae Leona (Addis) Long. On July 1, 1984, in Noble County she married Charles Max Hoover. He preceded her in death on April 27, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters, Julie (Michael) Hobbs of Ooltewah, Tennessee and Kristin (Andrew) Hampshire of Kendallville; a stepson, Lucas Hawkens of Kendallville; three step-daughters, Margaret Pasko of Huntington, Beth Hanlon of Indianapolis, and Phyllis Aurenheimer of Phoenix, AZ; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; her mother, Mae Long of Kendallville; a sister, Sharon (Daryl) Bell of Kendallville; and a brother, Edgar (Sherri) Long of LaOtto.

She was preceded in death by her father; and a sister, Sandra Lee Long.

Funeral services were Monday, June 20, 2011, in the Wayne Center United Methodist Church with Rev. Sherri Long officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.young-familyfuneralhome.com

Steven Kirchner, 68

ALBION -- Steven Wayne Kirchner, 68, passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2011, in Arizona.

Steven was born in Allen County on August 10, 1942, to Floyd and Olive (Rumbaugh) Kirchner.

Surviving are his wife, Carol (Harris/Parsley) Kirchner; three sons, Rock (Cheryl) Kirchner, Churubusco; Eric (Rita) Kirchner, Albion; and Jason Kirchner, Anderson; one daughter, Jill (Lee) Capehart, Anderson; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; four stepsons, one stepdaughter, seven step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Steven lived most of his life in Noble County. He was currently residing in Arizona.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Donna Jean Walker, 69

Donna Jean Hossler Walker, age 69, of Kendallville, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 17, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Walker was born in Tiffin, Ohio on October 6, 1941 to the late Claude and Eva Marie (Volkner) Walker.

She graduated from Mohawk High School, Sycamore, Ohio in 1959.

Jean worked at the Sears store in Kendallville many years ago. She also helped open and manage the Baskins-Robbins Ice Cream store on Main Street in Kendallville. Jean later retired from Parkview Noble Hospital.

Most recently, Jean worked at the YMCA and the Second Time Around Club at the Youth Center both in Kendallville.

Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her. She loved attending their sporting events and supporting their many activities throughout the years. She loved family gatherings, and playing the piano, especially during the holidays.

Jean enjoyed baking cakes and cookies. She loved cooking, sewing, doing crafts, and reading. Jean also loved to do her yard work and tend to her garden.

She will be greatly missed by her family, including sons, Mark Hossler and his wife, Laura of Plainfield, IN, Trent Hossler of New Haven; daughters, Cindy Kretler and her husband, John of Avilla, Kim Cochard and her husband, Lynn of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Ryan and Alaina Hossler; Tiffany, Heather, Jessica and Andrew Kretler, and Kelly Stephens; half-brother, Kenny Walker and his wife, Ruthie of Tiffin, Ohio; half-sisters, Susie Fraley and her husband, Denny of Tiffin, Marilyn "Tootie" Kleinhenz and her husband, Steve of Tiffin; brother-in-law, Albert Ohl of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Ann Walker Ohl

There was a gathering of family and friends on Monday, June 20, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home. No funeral service was scheduled.

If you wish, the family prefers memorials be made to Kendallville Parks and Recreation Department.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.



ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 22, 2011, Wednesday

Florence A. Fitzkee, 94

Florence A. Fitzkee, age 94, of Albion died on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at The Towne House Health Care Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born in York County, Pennsylvania on February 20, 1917 to Harry King and Florence (Atticks) King.

Mrs. Fitzkee graduated from William Penn Sr. High School in York, Pennsylvania in 1936.

She married Elwood David Fitzkee in 1938 in Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania. He preceded her in death in 1970.

Mrs. Fitzkee worked in the cafeteria at the Mt. Wolf Junior High School in Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania for several years. She also worked as her son's receptionist at his doctors office in Albion, Indiana for over 20 years.

She was a very active member in the St. John Lutheran Church in Mt. Wolf and in Indiana she attended the Albion Presbyterian Church in Albion.

Mrs. Fitzkee was always very active in her community.

Survivors include four nephews; and five nieces; her guardians, Ruth and Roger Brenneke of Albion, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her son; Dr. William E. Fitzkee who passed away April 4, 2007. She was also preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, Indiana.

Burial will be at a later date in the Quickel's Cemetery in Zion's View, Pennsylvania.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

June 22, 2011, Wednesday

Jane Whitehair, 84

Local business owner, Jane "Grammie" Bateman Whitehair, 84, of Wolcottville died Friday, June 17, 2011, at 1:15 p.m. in Wolcottville at the home of her son, Don, with her family at her side. She had been in failing health for six months.

Mrs. Whitehair was a lifetime area resident. She owned and operated the Wolcottville Laundromat for 45 years.

Jane graduated from the Wolcottville High School. She was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary in Rome City.

She was affectionately known as Grammie by many. She enjoyed being with people and loved everyone. Her grandchildren were her life. She enjoyed working in the yard and spending time at the cottage on Dallas Lake. She especially enjoyed travelling.

She was born October 10, 1926, in Wolcottville to Samuel and Violet (Iler) Wilson. She married Don R. Bateman, who preceded her in death in July, 1966.

She then married Robert D. Whitehair in 1970, and he preceded her in death in March, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Wanda Landers of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Vickie Bateman of Columbus, and Don and Melanie Bateman of Wolcottville; ten grandchildren, Curt (Mary Catherine) Landers, Robin (Mike) Todd, Jack (Lori) Landers, Kirk Bateman, Kristin (Jonathan) Martin, Brent Bateman, Ryan Bateman, Christopher (Samantha) Bateman, Heather Bateman, and Chad Bateman; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother; a sister; a great granddaughter, Erin Todd; and her companion of 15 years, Jack Duvé.

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 21, 2011, in

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Honorary casketbearers were Chris Bateman and Chad Bateman. Active casketbearers were Curt Landers, Jack Landers, Trent Landers, Kirk Bateman, Brent Bateman, Ryan Bateman, and Mike Todd.

Preferred memorials are to the Parkview Noble Hospice Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.young-familyfuneralhome.com.



ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 22, 2011, Wednesday

Frederick Swanders, 80



Frederick Franklin Swanders, age 80, died on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at his home in Albion.

He was born in DeKalb County, Indiana on November 16, 1930 and was the son of Aurthor and Orla May (Derrow) Swanders. He lived his adult life in Albion.

On April 16, 1955 in Auburn he married Dorothy Louise Gustin. She preceded him in death. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean War and belonged to the Albion Eagles where he was a Golden Eagle. He was a lifetime member of the Kendallville American Legion Post 86 and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He enjoyed fishing, cutting wood, and mushroom hunting.

Surviving are a daughter, Roberta Lynn (Swanders) Petrie of Albion; grandchildren, Cristy Ann (Petrie) Sanchez, Michael Eugene Petrie and Jessica Lynn (Petrie) Dean; great-grandchildren, Michael Alexander Sanchez, Cristian Suave Sanchez, Briana Lynn Sanchez, and Olivia Hope Petrie; brother, Richard Swander of Ray, Indiana; and two sisters, Lois "Jo" Wert of Kendallville, and Carolyn L. Martin of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; a great-granddaughter, Hannah Jean Petrie; brothers, Robert Swanders, and Larry Swanders; and five sisters, Lyda Nelson, Ruth Mountz, Martha Gibson, Connie Handshoe and Linda Bailey.

Burial of ashes was on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville. Pastor Brent Wedding officiated.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 22, 2011, Wednesday

Bob C. Chiddister, 53

Bob C. Chiddister, age 53, of Cromwell, IN passed away unexpectedly at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at his residence. He was born on August 15, 1957 in LaGrange, IN to Bob W. and Deloris (McClure) Chiddister.



Bob graduated from Fairfield High School in 1976. He worked for Cromwell Lumber Company for over 16 years and has worked for North Central Co-op for the last 18 years. He loved to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycles and was a member of the Eagles in Syracuse.

He is survived by two sons, Scott (Tonia) Chiddister of Albion, Travis (Jenny Cary) Chiddister of Ligonier; three

grandchildren, Justin, Emily and Ally Chiddister, all at home; his mother, Deloris Chiddister of Ligonier; three sisters, Sally (Kerry) Wilson of Albion, Sherri (Lewis) Kilgore of Wolf Lake, IN, and Shellie (Don Click) Koze of Ligonier. He was preceded in death by his father, Bob W. Chiddister.

A funeral service was held in Bob's honor on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial followed at Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield, IN.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Salvation Army, 3100 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208 or the Ronald McDonald House, One Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Pauline Fry, 70

Mary Pauline Fry, age 70, of Ligonier passed away at 3:00 AM in IU Goshen Hospital following a brief battle with cancer. She was born on November 30, 1940 in Noble County, IN to Eli E. and Anna (Frey) Miller. She married Harvey Fry on October 16, 2002. Mary was a member the Old Order Amish Church and was a dedicated homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey O. Fry of Ligonier; five step-children, Kenneth (Ruby) Fry, Karen (David) Lambright, Lydia (Vernon) Yoder, all of Topeka, Marlin (Mary) Fry of Ligonier, and Mervin (Mary Jane) Fry of Millersburg; 31 step-grandchildren; one step-great-granddaughter; three brothers, Elva (Martha) Miller, Howard (Esther) Miller, Floyd (Clara) Miller, all of Ligonier; three sisters, Ida (Daniel) Yoder of Topeka, Joann (Daniel) Bontrager of LaGrange, Loretta (Olen) Hochstedler of Kokomo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister-in-law, Elsie (Weaver) Miller.

A funeral service was held in Mary's honor with Bishop David M. Miller and the home ministers officiating on Monday June 20, 2011 at the Leroy Eash residence, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Pallbearers were Steven Fry, Dennis Lambright, DeWayne Miller, Larry Bontrager, Ryan Miller, and Dennis Mast. Burial took place in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka, IN

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfunerlahome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 22, 2011, Wednesday

James Franklin Hewitt, 84



James Franklin Hewitt, age 84, of Kimmell, IN passed away at his residence following an extended illness. He was born October 5, 1927 in Elkhart, IN to Lee and Leafa Mae (Locke) Hewitt. He was married to his bride of 44 years, Helga Brathearing, she survives.

He retired as a sergeant from the United States Army after 20 years of honorable service. His tenure included serving in the Korean War. In his retirement he enjoyed wood working and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Helga Hewitt of Kimmell; a daughter, Leona Gordon of Larwell; a step-daughter, Manuela Coburn of North Webster; four grandchildren, Cody, Nicole, Justin, and JR. He was preceded in death by his parents; and five siblings.

A graveside service with full military honors will be conducted at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN on Wednesday June 22, 2011 at 2 p.m. with Dr. Gordon Rankin officiating.

Memorial contributions are to Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N. 300 W., Columbia City, IN 46725.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 23, 2011, Thursday

Charlotte Fee

AUBURN — Charlotte A. Fee, 79, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at her home.

She was born October 21, 1931, in Auburn to the late Oscar and Vesta (Long) Shull.



Mrs. Fee

Charlotte was a clerk in the DeKalb County Treasurer's office for a number of years then was the secretary for the DeKalb County Highway Department until her retirement in 2000.

She is a member of the Auburn Alliance Church, Gideon's International and was a former member of the Eastern Star.

She married Raymond Fee on November 25, 1949, in Coldwater, Mich., and he survives in Auburn.

She is also survived by two daughters and a son, Jolene Holly of Fort Wayne, Jennifer Walker of Fort Wayne and Tim Fee of Auburn; five grandchildren, Heather Walker, Ben Walker, Brad (Lucy) Jacobs, Carl (Cherie) Jacobs and Christopher Walker and nine great-grandchildren.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Mary Sawchuck and Barb Kessler, and a brother, Bob Shull.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black and the Rev. Shawn DuFault officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Gideon's International.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Frances Terrell

ANGOLA — Frances E. Terrell, 64, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at



Mrs. Terrell

Cameron Community Hospital in Angola after a long illness.

Born in Fort Wayne on

November 7, 1946, she

lived most of her life in the Fort Wayne area, moving to Hamilton, Ind., in 1995.

She was a wonderful mother and friend to all that came to know her.

Fran was a lifelong caregiver serving others as a RN in area hospitals, Home Health & Hospice, and nursing homes. She was at her best when helping others to cope with their suffering and fears.

Fran enjoyed all animals and cleaning.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, Gary Terrell; her daughter, Melissa (Rod) Surbaugh of Bluffton; her son, Mark (Kristy) Terrell of Fort Wayne; and her brother, Harold McCard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Betty McCard Sr., and a brother, Henry McCard Jr.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at D.O. McComb and Son's Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco, Ind.

Calling will also be Friday, June 24, from 2-5- and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cancer Services of NE Indiana or the SPCA.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 23, 2011, Thursday

Susan Whetstone

FORT WAYNE — Susan L. Whetstone, 70, died Tuesday, June 21, 2011, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Whetstone was as an administrative assistant with Allen County Treasurer's and Auditor's offices for 26 years.

She was a 45-year member of the Fort Wayne Turners and a more than 50-year member of Tri Kappa Sorority. She was also a member of the Settlers, PEO and a volunteer at the Embassy Theater and the Botanical Gardens.

She graduated from Auburn High School and attended International Business College.

Mrs. Whetstone was born in Willard, Ohio to Roger and Eleanor Knauer. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Jeffery D. Whetstone of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Amy L. and Jamie Thompson of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Roger "Skip" and Debbie Knauer of Angola; and a sister, Barbara and Roger Wessel of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, William W. Whetstone.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with the Rev. Phil Emerson officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.



**Mrs.
Whetstone**

David Miller

MIDDLEBURY — David Lee Miller, 69, of Middlebury died Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Townline Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Rosedale Mennonite Missions.

Janelle Hess

SOUTH WHITLEY — Janelle D. Hess, 46, of South Whitley and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, June 20, 2011.

There will be no public visitation or service.

Burial will be held at a later date at South Whitley Cemetery.

Smith & Sons, Miller Chapel, South Whitley, is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday with a Tri Kappa Sorority service at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Turners or Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Coty Parsons

BUTLER — Coty M. Parsons died Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the pavilion by the lake at Buck Lake Ranch.

A carry-in picnic is planned.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Marianne Mullins

STROH — Marianne Mullins, 53, died Wednesday at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 24, 2011, Friday

Benjamin Salmons

FORT WAYNE —
Benjamin Herbert Salmons Jr., 48, died Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in a one-car accident Tuesday evening.

He was born October 21, 1962, in Corbin, Kentucky, to Benjamin H. and Ellen J. (Ross) Salmons Sr. His father has passed away and his mother survives in LaFontaine, Ind.

Benjamin was an excellent carpenter and craftsman.

Besides his mother he is survived by two sons, Benjamin Adam Salmons and Luke Jarred Salmons, both of Kendallville; a daughter, Danielle Nichole Weber of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Robin Haggerty of LaFontaine and Tami Roberts of Colorado; and a brother Ronnie Clady of Kentucky.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Embury Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. Sid Roberts officiating.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Barbara Halbaken

KENDALLVILLE —
Barbara Halbaken, 65, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 24, 2011, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Marianne Mullins

LAGRANGE —
Marianne Mullins, 53, a resident at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange, died Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

She had worked at the

LaGrange County ARC workshop for 25 years.

Ms. Mullins was born April 21, 1958, in Kendallville to Jack and Lucille (Simmons) Mullins. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Jackie and Skip Rowlinson of Stroh; two brothers, Danny and Audrey Mullins of LaGrange County and

David and Trudy Mullins of LaGrange County; and several nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services and burial will be held at Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange County with Pastor Lance Whitham officiating.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.



Ms. Mullins

Sandra Lash

WITMER LAKE —
Sandra Lash, 70, of Witmer Lake near Wolcottville died Thursday, June 23, 2011, at her residence.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 25, 2011, Saturday

Richard Mackin

NEW HAVEN —
Richard L. Mackin, 79, died Friday, June 24, 2011, at Village Oaks at Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Howard and Evelyn Mackin.

He was a member of Martini Lutheran Church, New Haven.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the New Haven Adams Township Fire Department, was the former fire chief of the Adams Township Fire Department #1, and was a 50-year life-member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association.

He was honored by the Allen County Firefighters Association as Firefighter of the Year in 1986.

He retired in 1982 from Dana Corp. after 32 1/2 years of service.

He is survived by his children, Michael L. (Cathy) Mackin of New Haven, Robert L. (Stefanie) Mackin and Emma Jean (Jean) Smith, both of Fort Wayne, Darla J. (Michael) Drew of Auburn, and Janet A. (David) Burke of Ossian; his siblings, Thomas Mackin Sr. and Phyllis Statler; his grandchildren, Kevin (Shelley) and Adam Drew, Nathan and Jordan Burke, Michael and Jenna Mackin, Kimberly and Kristen Smith, and Stephanie and Kaitlyn Mackin; and his five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mary in 2003; and brother, James A. Mackin Sr.



Mr. Mackin

Barbara Halbakken

KENDALLVILLE —
Barbara Ellen Halbakken, 65, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 23, 2011, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Halbakken worked in quality control for Dalton Foundry. She retired after 25 years with the foundry.

She was a member of the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Kendallville.

She loved spending time with her family and grandkids. She also loved to attend garage sales and go bargain shopping.



Mrs. Halbakken

Mrs. Halbakken was born in Knott County, Ky., on Feb. 9, 1946, to Granville and Ogie (Handshoe) Bolen. They are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Rick and Billie Halbakken of Albion; three grandchildren, Margaret, Emily and Justin Halbakken; three sisters, Bonnie and Roy Collins of Kendallville, Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell and Connie and Lonnie Messer of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Ronnie and Lisa Bolen of LaGrange and Gary and Sandy Bolen of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Lee Halbakken in January 1996; her daughter, Lisa Ann Halbakken in 1981; and her good friend, Betty Newman.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. There will be an evening service starting at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with the Rev. Carter Hicks and the Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Send a Condolence to the family or view a video tribute at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 State Road 930 E., New Haven, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Matt Kohl will officiate. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with an I.V.F.A. memorial service at 8 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to I.V.F.A.A. Mary Mackin Scholarship Fund or Alzheimer's Association.

For online condolences go to www.harperfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 25, 2011, Saturday

Lavina Glick

MIDDLEBURY —

Lavina Glick, 88, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury, died Thursday, June 23, 2011, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Living Waters Mennonite Church, 65215 CR 27, Goshen. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to Gospel Echoes.

Sandra Lash

WOLCOTTVILLE —

Sandra Kay Lash, age 69, of Wolcottville died at her home on Thursday, June 23, 2011.

Mrs. Lash was born in Fort Wayne on November 15, 1941, to Herman Krock and Mildred (Isenbarger) Krock.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1959.

She married Thomas Paul Lash on December 29, 1962, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He survives in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Lash was a homemaker. She also worked for ten years in the '70s and '80s at Coachmen Industries in Middlebury.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Paul Lash of Wolcottville; one son, Tracey and Melinda Lash of Avilla; one daughter, Leah and Jesse Rigsby of Hudson; eight grandchildren, Kristina M. Esposito, Kyle G. Lash, Kacey J. Lash, Bryan K. Lash, Amber N. Lash, Michael C. Rigsby, Larissa A. Rigsby and Trevor R. Rigsby; nine great-grandchildren; and three brothers,

Jim Krock of Avilla, Bill and Marylan Krock of Avilla and Bob and Bev Krock of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Bryan Lash on March 19, 2003; and one sister, Betty Haynes.

There is no visitation or service scheduled at this time.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 25, 2011, Saturday

Tim Sponhower

AUBURN — Tim Andrew Sponhower, of Auburn, passed to Spirit Thursday evening, June 16, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., where he suffered from complications resulting from progressive congestive heart, lung and kidney failure following surgery.

Tim was born November 17, 1953, in Auburn where he resided. Having traced ancestral history back to some of the first residents settling in DeKalb County, Tim and family lived for many years in the home on the very land his great-grandfathers Cyrus and Andrew Sponhower homesteaded many generations ago. Tim's ancestor William Magginis originally walked from Pennsylvania; eventually settling in DeKalb County in the late 1880s.

Tim was a devoted father and a truly dedicated and hard-working soul. He spent the past 19 years

restoring a vintage Victorian home in Auburn. His love for antiques and historic architecture drove his interests and passion for vintage furnishings and architectural restoration.

In the late 1970s he owned and operated Ye Olde Trail Antiques and Collectibles located at 1330 S. Main. His career spanned from that of a welder for American Hoist and Derek, a pipe fitter, plumber and maintenance technician for Scherer Contracting and was employed for 19 years at Zollner Pistons until 2007 as his declining health overshadowed his physical well-being.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Scott); his sons, Elgin Sponhower and Eric Sponhower of Auburn; a granddaughter, Grace LeeAna (Sponhower); his mother, Dorothy Marie Sponhower; three sisters, Jane Meshburger of Lynn Grove, Ind., Joan Benz of Missouri and Jill Hoad of Auburn; and one brother, Mark Sponhower, also of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy E. Sponhower.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2011, at the Hopewell United Brethren Church, located at 6852 C.R. 35, Auburn, at 3 p.m. With respect to Tim's wishes, cremation services have been administered.

"He will be missed so much and will Forever be in our Hearts! God's Speed and Blessings, Tim! We will look for you among the stars and the rainbows of God's creation and among the many Angels we call upon for comfort and guidance."

Memorials and contributions can be forwarded to lung and hematology research and medical care at the St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Crothers was engineer, family man

BY JENNIFER DECKER

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ANGOLA — Dean Crothers was an engineer, who his wife said was easy going and would drop everything to play with his family.

Mr. Crothers, 86, of Angola, died June 19 at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Crothers was born Dec. 10, 1924 in Auburn to Ralph and Veda (Pfleightner)

Crothers. On Sept. 26, 1945, he married Phyllis Folck.

The couple was married for 65 years, though they knew each other longer than that. "We were on seventh-grade student council at Angola Middle School. I knew him before seventh-grade. In fifth-grade, he had come from Avilla. I remember him in sixth-grade, he had a black and white pony jacket," Phyllis said.

The couple dated other people, but attended the junior and senior proms together.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Gen. George Patton's Army in the 249th Combat Engineers. Mr.

Crothers helped build bridges across the Rhine River.

While in the service, their courtship continued, as he wrote love letters to Phyllis between 1943-45.

"He was a real clean-cut fellow and was nice. I agreed to marry him in a letter. His parents gave me a ring," she said. "He came home Sept. 16, 1945 and we were married Sept. 26. We were both 20-years-old. Boys had to be 21, so his dad had to give him permission."

The couple was married by Rev. John Humfreys at a chapel. "We tried to pay Rev. Humfreys. He said, 'I won't take money. You're neighbors.' My dad killed two chickens and paid with that. They were coming out of the Depression," she said.

He graduated from Tri-State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering.

Mr. Crothers worked in the aerospace industry in hydraulics and engineering for 42 years, Consumer Power in Michigan for three years, Bendix for 15 years and National Water Lift for 24 years. Mr. Crothers moved around the country with the change in jobs with his family: from Michigan to Hamilton, Ohio and to California. Smog out West forced the Crothers back to Hamilton, Ohio. Eventually, the family bought a place

at Crooked Lake.

"He was easy to live with. He was a do-it-yourself. The kids said at his funeral if he was painting and they wanted to (water ski), he got down and took them," Phyllis said.

The Crothers traveled extensively to Europe, Alaska, and Mexico. "He enjoyed it. He never made a big fuss (if he didn't like something). He was flexible and liked socializing," Phyllis said.

He was a member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes at Angola, the Orland American Legion, and a 50-year member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 236. He was a former member of the Angola Lions Club and the Jolly Dozen.

He survived by his wife, Phyllis, of Angola, two daughters: Tamara (Tim) Ballance of Newark, Ohio; and Robin (Larry) Houghton of Portage, Mich., four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Miller.

Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with military graveside services by the Orland American Legion.

Memorials may be made to the Angola Lions Club and the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes at Angola.



Crothers

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Patti Tribble

ANGOLA — Patti Gail Tribble, 55, of Angola, died Saturday, June 25, 2011 peacefully at her home surrounded by her family after an 18 month battle with cancer.

Mrs. Tribble was an active member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Her strong faith in the Lord and love of her family guided her throughout her life and especially in the last months and days.

She graduated from Hamilton High School in 1974 and worked at TransGuard for almost 20 years.



Mrs. Tribble

She was born in Angola on May 10, 1956 to Raymond Clair and Janis Fay (Sheets) Myers. She married Dana Edson Tribble on March 19, 1987. He survives in Angola.

Survivors, in addition to her husband Dana Edson Tribble in Angola, are: her mother Janis Myers of Angola; two sons, Tony (Adriane) Tribble of Angola, and Brady Tribble of Angola; a step-son, Shane (Tonya) Tribble of Fremont; a step-daughter, Deanna (Dominic) Mashburn of Orlando, Fla.; six step-grandchildren; a step-great grandchild; a brother, Scott (Leslie) Meyers of Angola; two sisters, Nancy (Manuel) Pujols of Angola, and Julie (Timothy) Hicks of Mentone, Ind.; five nieces; and five nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Raymond Myers.

Services will be at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955W Orland Rd. Burial will be in Memorial Garden at the Chapel of the of Lakes.

Calling will be Tuesday, June 28, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. and after 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at the Presbyterian Chapel Lakes. Following the calling on Wednesday there will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Arlin Cochran officiating.

Memorials are to the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice and the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Richard Albaugh

FORT WAYNE — Richard L. Albaugh, 81, of Fort Wayne, passed away Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Born in Kendallville, Dick was an accountant with Zollner Pistons for over 25 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of The Rock Church and enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, fishing, farming and gardening.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Jean Albaugh; sons, Mike (Karen) Albaugh of Kendallville, and Patrick (Judy) Albaugh; grandchildren, Michelle (Pat) Eggerling; Melissa (Cortney) Albaugh, and Cristy Albaugh; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Max Albaugh of Kendallville.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Thurlow and Ruth Albaugh, and a sister, Patty Albaugh.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Roger Dilley officiating. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to The Rock Church.

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Nancy Shadle

BUTLER — Nancy M. Shadle, 70, of Butler, Ind., and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, June 24, 2011 at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She worked as a housekeeper for many years at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 4, 1940 in New Haven, Ind. to William and Mildred M. (Kimmel) Fark. She married Pasco H. Shadle on April 19, 1963 in New Haven. He preceded her in death on Nov. 3, 2006.

Surviving are: a daughter, Connie (Ron) Hollinger, Butler, Ind.; two grandchildren; two sisters, Donna Shuler, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Geraldine Grover, Markle, Ind.; and three half brothers, Michael Hieber, Hoagland, Ind., David Hieber, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Jerry Hieber, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at Thomas Funeral Home,

1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, Ind., with Rev. David Mix officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 27, 2011 at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online or the online register book may be signed by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Michael Hoffman

MIDDLEBURY —

Michael P. Hoffman, 75, of Middlebury, died at 2:45 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2011 at his daughter's residence.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at Harvest Church, Goshen.

Further arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Ronald Swartz

LIGONIER — Ronald D.

Swartz, 77, of Ligonier passed away at 8:40 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Richard Albaugh

FORT WAYNE - Richard L. Albaugh, 81, of Fort Wayne, passed away Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Born in Kendallville, Dick was an accountant with Zollner Pistons for over 25 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of The Rock Church and enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, fishing, farming and gardening.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Jean Albaugh; sons, Mike (Karen) Albaugh of Kendallville, and Patrick (Judy) Albaugh; grandchildren, Michelle (Pat) Eggerling; Melissa (Rob) Kirkpatrick, Carrie (Ryan) VanGessel, Richie (Cortney) Albaugh, and Cristy Albaugh; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Max Albaugh of Kendallville.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Thurlow and Ruth Albaugh, and a sister, Patty Albaugh.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Roger Dilley officiating. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Visitation will be 4 to 8

p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to The Rock Church.

Darlene Brown

ANGOLA — Darlene Betty Brown, 86, of Angola died June 26, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Services are pending with the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Michael Hoffman

MIDDLEBURY — Michael P. Hoffman, 75, of Middlebury, died Friday, June 24, 2011, at his daughter's residence.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Harvest Community Church, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County Cancer Society.

Rae Gudelsky

FORT WAYNE — Rae L. (Gates) Gudelsky, 90, died Saturday, June 18, 2011.

Private services were held.

Memorials to the Allen County Public Library Foundation.

Arrangements by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel.

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D. Ellen Grandey

EDGERTON, Ohio — D. Ellen Grandey, age 86, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 6:14 a.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2011, in her home surrounded by her family after a brief illness.



**Mrs.
Grandey**

Mrs. Grandey was a member of the Emanuel United Methodist Church near Edgerton, the United Methodist Women, of which she served in many offices throughout the years, and the Priscilla Club.

Ellen enjoyed artwork, painting, and being with family and friends.

D. Ellen Grandey was born on April 27, 1925, in Butler, Indiana, the daughter of Alvin and Mabel (Mutzfeld) Steckley. She married Wayne E. Grandey on October 6, 1946, in Butler and he survives.

Also surviving are her children, Shirley (Chuck) Snyder of Decatur, Indiana, Roger (Lynne) Grandey of Hicksville, Ohio, Dennis (Barri) Grandey of Sidney, Ohio, Janet (Doug) Brown of Carmel, Indiana, and Joyce (Jon) Myers, of Galloway, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Services celebrating the life of Ellen Grandey will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 1 p.m. in the Emanuel United Methodist Church near Edgerton with the Rev. R.L. Barnett officiating. Interment will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Ronald Swartz

LIGONIER — Ronald D. Swartz, age 77, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 8:40 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

He was born on November 11, 1933, to William Henry and Norma Nineva (Householder) Swartz in Kendallville, Ind. On February 17, 1956, he married Shirley Hutchings. She preceded him in death on April 6, 2011.

Mr. Swartz graduated from Wawaka High School in 1952 and went on to honorably serve his country in the United States Army.

He retired as an over the road truck driver and had worked as a police officer and firefighter in the 1960s and '70s.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, working on semis, watching Cubs baseball and John Wayne movies.

Survivors include four children, Teresa McLaughlin of Wawaka, Ind., Tona (Rich) Chupp of Ligonier, Tracy Swartz of Ligonier, and Tana Smith of Ligonier; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a brother, William (Arlene) Swartz of Osceola; and a sister, Sally (Earl) Christlieb of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; one great-granddaughter; and a sister, Ozema Compton.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Swartz's honor on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 2 p.m. at The Crosswalk at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, Ind., with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Volunteer Fire Council, 7852 Walker Drive, Suite 450, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Memorials are requested to Hospice of Williams and Fulton Counties or to the Emanuel United Methodist Church in Edgerton.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit, www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Lucy McDonald

BUTLER — Lucy N. McDonald, 74, died Sunday, June 26, 2011, at Woodview Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McDonald retired from Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett.

She was born July 2, 1936, in Butler to Charles and Margaret (Hubbard) Zimmerman. She married Harold McDonald on June 27, 1953, he preceded in death in August 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Denise (Pat) Kendrick of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Zimmerman of Butler; two sisters, Beatrice Green of Butler and Mary Barney of Ohio; and two grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her her parents, and two brothers, Wesley and Paul Zimmerman.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Beverly Haines

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly Haines, 76, died Monday, June 27, 2011, at her home in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 29, 2011, Wednesday

Beverly Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly Ann Hanes, age 76, died on Monday, June 27, 2011, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hanes was born in Garrett, Indiana, on August 7, 1934, to the late William Franklin McKinley and Edith Marie (Gillespie) McKinley-Irvin.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952 and married Robert James Hanes on September 8, 1956, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Beverly was the office manager for McKinley Machine Corporation in Kendallville for many years.

She also prepared taxes and kept books for many individuals and companies in Kendallville.

She was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was the church treasurer for many years.

Bev enjoyed time with her grandchildren especially at Christmas.

She was an avid collector of Fenton Art Glass and a member of the Fenton Art Glass Collectors of America.

Bev loved going to glass auctions and she enjoyed trips to the Fenton Factory in Williamstown, West Virginia.

She belonged to the Red Hat Society and years ago was a member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Bev also loved to do scrap booking.



Mrs. Hanes

Survivors include her husband, Robert Hanes of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Sheryl Hanes of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Jamison March of Kendallville; her grandchildren, Justin and Erin March of Huntington, Troi and Jill Jones of Coldwater, Michigan, Tony and Kathy Jones of Albion; and Adam Hanes and Stacey Hanes both of Kendallville; her great-grandchildren, Alexander, Megan, Matt, Bryce, Rebeka, Jonathon, Ethan, and Claire; and a brother, Gerald "Mike" McKinley of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Darin Scott Hanes in 1967, and her brother, William McKinley.

Visitation will be Friday, July 1, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 2, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Officiating the memorial service will be Pastor Robert Shriner.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John

Lutheran Church, the American Diabetes Association or Northeast Indiana Cancer Services.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Beverly by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

M. Dwight McClure

AVILLA — M. Dwight McClure, 90, died Monday, June 27, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. McClure had been self-employed for more than 20 years as a locksmith.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born March 11, 1921, in Beggs, Okla., to William and Alta (Taylor) McClure. He married Rita A. Gubelman on Oct. 3, 1942. She died Oct. 2, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Gregory and Deb McClure of Auburn and Stephen and Karlene McClure of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Lisa Grogg of Fort Wayne and Gena and Rick Wray of Angola; a brother, LaVerne McClure of Texas; a sister, Doris Wilson of Kansas; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sherrell Bennett.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with the Rev. Jess L. Jessup officiating.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.



Mr. McClure

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Herbert Sutton

HUNTERTOWN — Herbert K. Sutton, 86, a resident of rural Huntertown and widely acquainted DeKalb County farmer, passed away at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2011, at the family residence in Butler Township. He had been in failing health for the past month.



Mr. Sutton

Mr. Sutton was born in Fort Wayne on November 7, 1924, a son of Charles and Mary (Rupley) Sutton. He spent his formative years in the Huntertown-LaOtto area and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1943.

On March 20, 1948, he was married in Churubusco to Mary E. Geiger. He and his wife moved to their present farm home in DeKalb County in 1956 where he was engaged in farming all of his adult life, retiring in 1998. He was a school bus driver for Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District for 35 years, served on the Butler Township Advisory Board for several years, and was an active supporter of DeKalb County 4-H.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Hicksville, Ohio, Loyal Order of Moose Arie 1301 in Auburn, and enjoyed square dancing and participating in tractor pulls.

The surviving relatives include his wife, Mary, to whom he was married for over 63 years; a son, Dennis (Suzanne) Sutton of LaOtto; three daughters, Vickie (Richard) Nodine, Nancy (Mike) Chittenden, and Peggy (Marion) Tarlton Jr., all of Garrett; a brother, Dale (Arlene) Freeman of Huntertown; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Ilene Fulk.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary, or one hour prior to the service Friday morning.

Interment will be in the Cedar Creek Cemetery, south of Garrett.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 or to the DeKalb County Horesemen's Association Horse and Pony Building Fund, care of Bill Knott, 6422 S.R. 205, LaOtto, IN 46763.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Sutton's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Mable Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Mable B. Miller, 89, of Middlebury died Monday, June 27, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace

Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Middlebury Food Pantry.

Darlene Brown

ANGOLA — Darlene Betty Brown, 86, of Angola died Sunday, June 26, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Brown had been a clerk and registrar at the Steuben County Health Department.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and the Lydia Circle of the church. She was also a member of the Steuben County Women's Club.

Mrs. Brown had volunteered at Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care.

She was born September 14, 1924, in Major Township in Hancock County, Iowa, to Fairfield and Dortha M. (Geigel) Dean. She married Gerald C. Brown on May 30, 1959. He died May 23, 2011.

Surviving are four daughters, Carol Ann (Wayne) Klink of Pleasant Lake, Ind., Carol Anne (Asa Clifford) Harvey of Kokomo, Ind., Barbara Jane (John) Tatman of Whiteland, Ind., and Cynthia Jo (Terry) Butz of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Kriss (Bruce) Stackhouse, Kimberly (Mike) Smith, Elizabeth (Joseph) Hlebasko, Deborah (Curtis) Copeland, Matthew (Holly) Harvey, Stephanie (Joel) Houseman, Karissa Tatman, Zachary (Sandra) Butz and Abby Butz (Ryan Smith); 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Gerald Brown on May 23, 2011; a granddaughter, Kendra Jo Tatman; three brothers and four sisters.

Memorial services will be at noon Friday, July 1, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Stephen "Sam" Hoffman officiating.

Rosemary Paugh

ANGOLA — Rosemary

Paugh, 68, of Angola went home to be with Jesus at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011, at her sister's home at 703

W. First St., in Rushville.

Rosemary was born August 1, 1942, in Rushville to Katherine (Coppie) Bane and Jesse Bane, both deceased. She married Charles Paugh February 27, 1959, and he survives.

Rosemary was the former owner of Circleville Beauty Salon and the Circleville Greenhouse in the '60s, '70s, and '80s.

Rosemary leaves behind her husband, Charles Paugh of Angola, Ind.; one son, Charles "Chuck" Jr. (and wife, Penny,) of Rush County; two daughters, Mrs.



Mrs. Paugh

Jeffrey (Rosemarie) Mix of Hudson, Ind., and Mariann Paugh of Angola, Ind. She is also survived by one brother, Sherman Bane (and wife, Chintana,) of Muncie, Ind., and three sisters, Mrs. Dave (Faith) Sadler-Hankins of Rushville, and Jeanie Ralstin and Mrs. Darwin (Priscilla) Glover of Rushville, IN. Also surviving are five sister-in-laws, Helen, Louetta and Chang Bane and Karen Paugh and Marilyn Crouch; and two brother-in-laws, Clarence Paugh Jr. (and wife, Gloria,) and Richard Paugh (and wife, Lavonne.).

She has five grandchildren, Michael McDonald (and wife, Sharon,) Mrs. Jon (Katie) Thomas, David Mix and Michael and Melinda McGillem; one great-granddaughter, Madeline Thomas; nine nephews, Jamie and Brian Bane, Scott, Greg, Joe and Eddie Paugh, Robbie and Andy Ralstin, and Bruce Patterson; and eight nieces, April Hassenzahl, Tammy Fox, Holly McVeigh, Heidi Cupp, Cheryl Long, Jenny Beard, Jacqui Thurston and Deanna Becker.

Rosemary was preceded in death by four brothers, Oliver, Fred, Howard and Kenny Bane, and one sister, Nancy Glover.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 28, at Moster Mortuary in Rushville with the Rev. Jeff Edwards officiating. Burial was at East Hill Cemetery in Rushville following services.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to Riley Children's Hospital, the Simon Cancer Center at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis, or the Salvation Army.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County, Ind.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services on Friday.

Memorials are to The Olde York Church, 8740 E. C.R. 300N, Fremont, IN 46737.

You may sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Melvin Bell

FORT WAYNE — Melvin A. Bell, 92, of Fort Wayne died Monday, June 27, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Bell was an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad, retiring after 36 years in 1977.



Mr. Bell

He was the last charter member of South Wayne United Methodist Church; a member of Covenant United Methodist Church; the Railroad Museum of South Florida, South Side Alumni Association, and the Fort Wayne Division Veterans Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He was born July 18, 1918, in Fort Wayne to C. Homer and Blanche (Rayl) Bell.

Surviving are his wife, Pharaba P. (Rosenbarger) Bell of Fort Wayne; a son, Paul E. (Darcy) Bell of Auburn; a daughter, Roberta (Harold) Edwards; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Marion (Margaret) Bell of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wilma Byler.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with the Rev. Jack Scott officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services Friday.

Memorials are to Covenant United Methodist Church.

Send online condolences to www.klaehnfahlmeltonfunerals.com.

Karen Gilbert

FORT WAYNE — Karen L. Gilbert, 59, died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Friday from 10-11 a.m. at First Christian Church, corner of Calhoun Street and Pettit Avenue in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Alfred Gutstein

ANGOLA — Alfred R. Gutstein, 78, of Angola died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

James Baker

SPENCERVILLE — James "J. C." Baker, 72, died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at his home in Spencerville.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's paper.

Kathryn Craven

ANGOLA — Kathryn Craven, 96, of Angola, and formerly of Edon, Ohio, died Monday, June 27, 2011.

Services will be private.

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Gordon Chandler

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gordon C. Chandler, 83, of Westler Lake, Wolcottville, died Monday, June 27, 2011, in his sister's Fort Wayne home.



Mr. Chandler

Mr. Chandler had lived in this area since 1952, coming from Fort Wayne. He retired from the Falstaff Brewery in Fort Wayne after 35 years of service.

He served in the Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army.

Mr. Chandler was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church and American Legion Post 381, both in Rome City.

He was born March 18, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Thelma (Feist) Chandler.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Marian (Chandler) and Ralph Weller of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Herb and Joy Chandler of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Chandler and Michael Chandler.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Color guard services will be provided by American Legion Post 381 at the church following the service.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne, with active duty members of the U.S. Army providing honor guard services.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808, or to St. Gaspar Catholic Church, 10871 N. S.R. 9, Rome City, IN 46784.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Beverly Ann Hanes, 76

Beverly Ann Hanes, age 76, died on Monday, June 27, 2011 at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hanes was born in Garrett, Indiana on August 7, 1934 to the late William Franklin McKinley and Edith Marie (Gillespie) McKinley-Irvin.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952 and married Robert James Hanes on September 8, 1956 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Beverly was the office manager for McKinley Machine Corporation in Kendallville for many years.

She also prepared taxes and kept books for many individuals and companies in Kendallville.

She was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was the church treasurer for many years.

Bev enjoyed time with her grandchildren especially at Christmas.

She was an avid collector of Fenton Art Glass and a member of the Fenton Art Glass Collectors of America.

Bev loved going to glass auctions and she enjoyed trips to the Fenton Factory in Williamstown, West Virginia.

She belonged to the Red Hat Society and years ago the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Bev also loved to do scrapbooking.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Hanes of Kendallville; son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Sheryl Hanes of Kendallville; daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Jamison March of Kendallville, grandchildren, Justin and Erin March of Huntington, Troi and Jill Jones of Coldwater, Michigan, Tony and Kathy Jones of Albion, and Adam Hanes and Stacey Hanes both of Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Alexander, Megan, Matt, Bryce, Rebeka, Jonathon, Ethan, and Claire; brother, Gerald "Mike" McKinley of Garrett.



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ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

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She was preceded in death by her son, Darin Scott Hanes in 1967; and her brother, William McKinley.

Visitation will be Friday, July 1, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Officiating the memorial service will be Pastor Robert Shriner.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or American Diabetes Association or Northeast Indiana Cancer Services.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Beverly by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Barbara Ellen Halbakken, 65

Barbara Ellen Halbakken, age 65, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Halbakken was born in Knott County, Kentucky on February 9, 1946 to Granville and Ogie (Handshoe) Bolen.

Barbara worked in quality control for Dalton Foundry. She retired after 25 years to the foundry.

Barb was a member of the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Kendallville and she loved spending time with her family and grandkids.

Survivors include her son, Rick and Billie Halbakken of Albion; grandchildren, Margaret, Emily, and Justin Halbakken; sisters, Bonnie and Roy Collins of Kendallville, Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell, Connie and Lonnie Messer of Wolcottville; brothers, Ronnie and Lisa Bolen of LaGrange, and Gary and Sandy Bolen of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Lee Halbakken in January 1996; and her daughter, Lisa Ann Halbakken in 1981.

Funeral services were Sunday, June 26, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Carter Hicks and Rev. Zaundra Hicks.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

June 29, 2011, Wednesday

Sandra Kay Lash, 69

Sandra Kay Lash, age 69, of Wolcottville died at her home on Thursday, June 23, 2011.

Mrs. Lash was born in Fort Wayne on November 15, 1941 to Herman Krock and Mildred (Isenbarger) Krock.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1959.

She married Thomas Paul Lash on December 29, 1962 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He survives in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Lash was a homemaker. She also worked for ten years in the 70's and 80's at Coachman Industries in Middlebury.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Paul Lash of Wolcottville; one son, Tracey and Melinda Lash of Avilla; one daughter, Leah and Jesse Rigsby of Hudson; eight grandchildren; Kristina M. Esposito, Kyle G. Lash, Kacey J. Lash, Bryan K. Lash, Amber N. Lash, Michael C. Rigsby, Larissa A. Rigsby and Trevor R. Rigsby; nine great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim Krock of Avilla, Bill and Marylan Krock of Avilla, Bob and Bev Krock of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bryan Lash, who died March 19, 2003; and a sister, Betty Haynes.

There is no visitation or service scheduled at this time.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Ronald D. Swartz, 77



Ronald D. Swartz, age 77, of Ligonier, IN passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 8:40 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

He was born on November 11, 1933 to William Henry and Norma Nineva (Householder) Swartz in Kendallville, IN. On February 17, 1956 he married Shirley Hutchings. She preceded him in death on April 6, 2011.

Mr. Swartz graduated from Wawaka High School in 1952 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army. He retired as an over-the-road truck driver and had worked as a policeman and fireman in the 1960's and 70's. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, working on semis, watching Cubs baseball and John Wayne movies.

Survivors include four children; Teresa McLaughlin of Wawaka, IN, Tona (Rich) Chupp of Ligonier, Tracy Swartz of Ligonier, Tana Smith of Ligonier; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a brother, William (Arlene) Swartz of Osceola; and a sister, Sally (Earl) Christlieb of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; a great-granddaughter; and a sister, Ozema Compton.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Swartz's honor on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 2 p.m. at The Crosswalk at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Rd., Ligonier, IN, with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Volunteer Fire Council, 7852 Walker Drive, Suite 450, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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Tim Sponhower

AUBURN — Tim Andrew Sponhower, of Auburn, quietly passed to Spirit

Thursday evening, June 16, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.,

where he suffered from

complica-

tions resulting from progressive congestive heart, lung and kidney failure following surgery.

Tim was born November 17, 1953 in Auburn where he resided. Having traced his ancestral history back to some of the earliest residents settling in DeKalb, County, Tim and family lived for many years in the home on the very land his great-grandfathers Cyrus and Andrew Sponhower homesteaded many generations ago. Tim's ancestor, William Magginis originally walked from Pennsylvania, eventually settling in DeKalb County in the 1880s.

Tim was a devoted father and a truly dedicated and hard-working soul. He spent the past 19 years restoring a vintage Victorian home in Auburn. His love for antiques and historic architecture drove his interests and passion for vintage furnishings and architectural restoration.

In the late 1970s he owned and operated Ye Olde Trail Antiques and Collectibles located at 1330 S. Main. His career spanned from that of a welder for American Hoist and Derek, to that of a pipe-fitter, plumber and maintenance technician employed by both Scherer Mechanical Contracting and was also



Mr. Sponhower

employed & held the same position as lead maintenance at Zollner Pistons for 19 years, until 2007 as his declining health overshadowed his physical well-being.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Scott), his sons, Elgin Sponhower and Eric Sponhower of Auburn, a granddaughter, Grace LeeAna (Sponhower), his mother Dorothy Marie Sponhower, three sisters, Jane Meshburger of Lynn Grove, Ind., Joan Benz of Missouri and Jill Hoard of Auburn brother, and his brother, Mark Sponhower, also of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy E. Sponhower.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2011 at the Hopewell United Brethren Church, located at 6852 C.R. 35, Auburn, at 3:00 p.m. With respect to Tim's wishes, cremation services have previously been administered.

He will be missed so much and will forever be in our hearts! God's Speed & Blessings, Tim! We will

look for you among the stars & the rainbows of God's creation and among the many Angels we call upon for comfort & guidance.

Memorials and contributions can be forwarded to Lung and Hematology Research and Medical Care at the St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

James Baker

SPENCERVILLE —

James "J.C." Baker, 72, died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at his home in Spencerville.

He was born on January 23, 1939, in Laconia, Tenn., to the late Lavon Dale and Alma Louise (Clutts) Baker.

Surviving are his lifetime friend and companion, Janet Hoover of Spencerville; a daughter, Debbie Millay and Joe of Hamilton; a son, Tony (Karen) Baker of Hamilton; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Joyce Kugler of LaOtto, Carolyn Dusendschon of Fort Wayne and Peggy (Bill) Hamilton of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie Bishop, and a brother, Wayne Baker.

He worked in the parts department at International Harvester/Navistar until he retired.

He was a member of the Hicksville Eagles, Garrett Eagles, Auburn Moose and a social member of the Butler American Legion.

He enjoyed all kinds of racing, auctions and loved to walk in different health walks.

Calling will be held on Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Donna Gammon officiating.

Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Spencerville Community Club, P.O. Box 42, Spencerville, IN 46788.

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Donald Dove

AUBURN — Donald D. Dove, 90, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Born July 4, 1920 in Auburn, he was the son of the late Frank and Martha Dove.



Mr. Dove

Mr. Dove graduated from Spencerville High School in 1939 and married Eloise (Dilgard) Dove on October 20, 1946, in Auburn.

He was a P-47 fighter pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corp during WW II, flying more than 100 missions and partaking in combat during the D-Day invasion. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, various air medals, medallions and 15 oak leaf clusters while serving time in Europe.

After the service, he returned to farming. In addition, he was a maintenance worker for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School System where he was also a bus driver.

His hobbies included woodworking, fishing and mushroom hunting.

He is survived by his wife Eloise Dove of Auburn; his sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Kathy Dove of Auburn, Larry Dove of Auburn and Loren and Millie Dove of Fort Wayne; his daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Denny Meschberger of Auburn and Jan and Rick Brown of Punta Gorda, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Joan Dove of Hometown; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Holt

BOURBON, Mo. — Kenneth Lee Holt, 77, of Bourdon and formerly of the Auburn, Ind., area, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, in Fenton, Mo.

Mr. Holt donated his body to Logan Chiropractic College in Clayton, Mo.

A memorial service was held June 22 at Flagsprings Church in St. James, Mo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or Halo for Animals, P.O. Box 735, Sullivan, MO 63080.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Russell Dove; and a sister, Bernice Menges.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, with calling one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Lyle Ewing from Auburn Presbyterian Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation is also Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Quiet Knight, a memorial program designed to assist local veterans with financial needs.

To sign the online guest book visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

Kathryn Craven

ANGOLA — Kathryn Craven, 96, of Angola and formerly of Edon, Ohio, died Monday, June 27, 2011.

Mrs. Craven had lived in the Edon and Angola areas her entire life.

She was a homemaker and gardener.

She was born Nov. 30, 1914, in Putnam County, Ohio, to S.D. and Nancy (Wilson) Wilder. She married Herman Craven on Dec. 23, 1936, and he preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Shirley (Leon) Smith and Susie (Earl Dean) Craven; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be private.

Krill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Glen Gouchenour

COLDWATER, Mich. — Glen B. Gochenour, 93, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at Drew's Place of Coldwater.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary Rench

AUBURN — Mary O. Rench, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, June 29, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services are at 3 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial is in Knollcrest Gardens, Findley, Ohio.

Calling is 2-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

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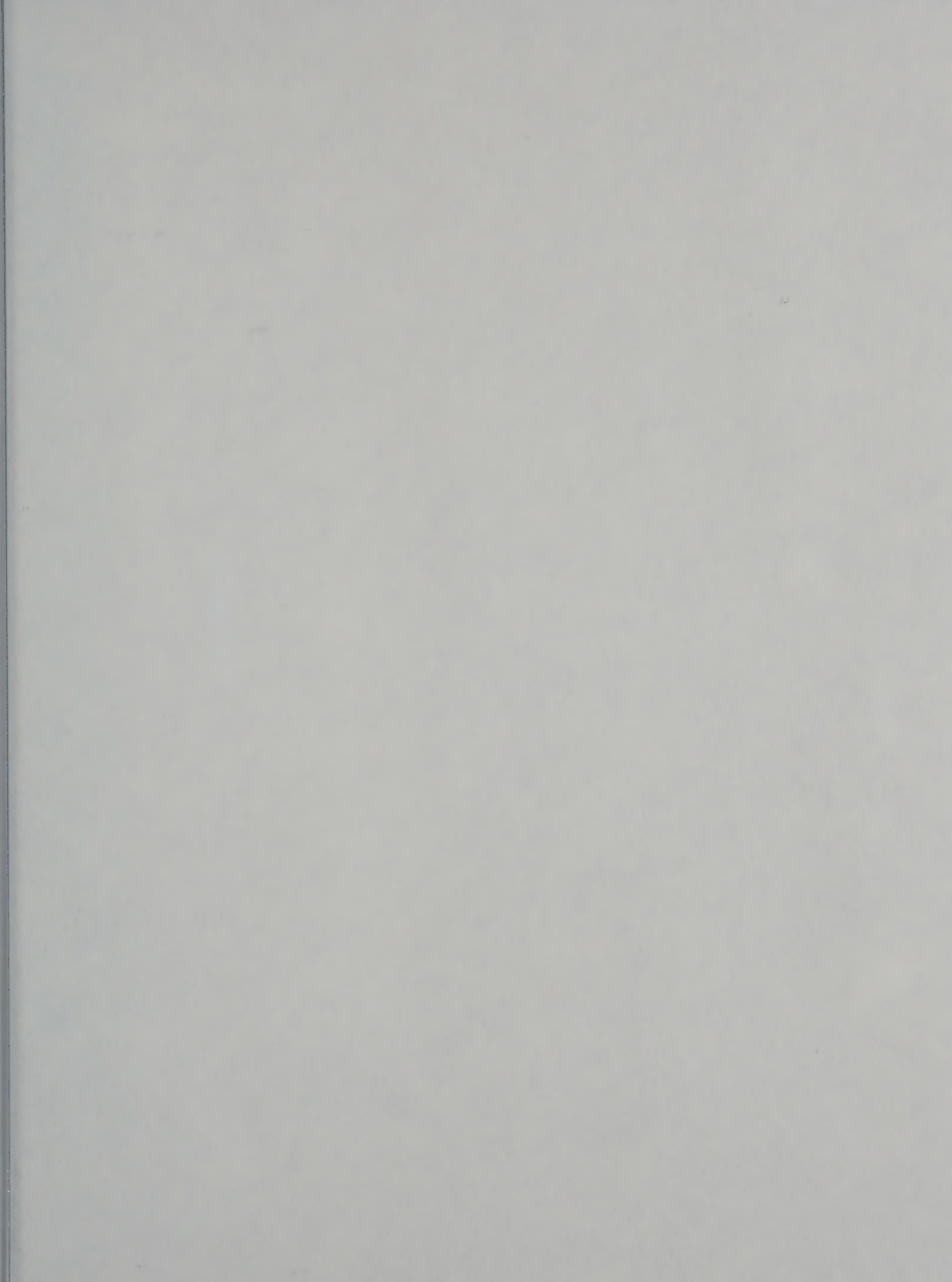
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